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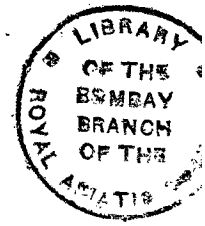

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GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY, DATED JULY 15, 1714. [*Public Despatches to England, Vol. 4, pp. 1—20.*]

TO THE HONBLE. THE COURT OF DIRECTORS FOR AFFAIRES OF THE RT. HONBLE. UNITED COMPY. OF MERCHTS. OF ENGLAND TRADEING TO THE EAST INDIES.

℔ Frederick Duplicates· ℔ Somers and Grantham

HONBLE. SRS.

1. The last oppurtunity we had of writeing yor. Ho[nours] by the Recovery under the 11th. of ffebry. she saild hence the sa[il]ing, and being in good condition, we cannot doubt of her [Safe] arrivall wth. you in due season, We have since been hon'd wth. [the Companys] letter dated the 13th of January by the Avarilla to wch. we cant [pro]pose to return a full answer by this conveyance, & therefo[re] choose to do it intire at once by our September Ship [which in] all Likelyhood will be wth. you in a very [litt]le time [. . .] & at present we shall only trouble Yor. Honrs. wth. wh[at is] of moment since our last, and such other particu[lars we] think will be most acceptable, & for the benefit of Yor. [Honrs.].

dates of the Recoverys lettr. to Europe & ye Avarillas from Europe.

cannot propose to give a full ansr. till Sepr.

FIRST CONCERNING SHIPPING SENT OUT, AND RETURNING.

2. When we wrote our letter by the Recovery we had [designed] of dispatching this Ship Frederick in time to save her [pas]sage, and we should have been able to compleat her [Lading] in all February if the winds would have permitted he[r to] gain Fort St. David according to Expectation, we sent from hence the 14th. of February, but in her passage up, [she] mett with such unusuall strong southerly winds, tha[t on] the 26th. in ye. evening before she arrived to an Anchor, [& con]sequently as there was a necessity for her returning [hither] to fill up, she could not be dispatch'd in all February [*a few words lost*].

how the Frederick came not to be dispatch'd soon aftr. ye. Recovery sail'd

3. We begg leave to referr you to our Consul[ta]tion of the 12th. of February where this affair was fully debated & settled according to the forementiond standing order, It was the 9th. of March before the Ship return'd hither, wth. six hundred twenty two bales, wch. we were obliged to unload in regard to the Aprill Monsoon, & no employment offering for her, that would any way countervaile the expence & risque of keeping her abroad another season, she has [been] continued in the road till now.

[Reasons] why the Fredk. [was] dispd. soon aftr. [Reco]very continued.

4. Captain Richard Phrip requesting his Charter Party mony in Consultation of the 19th. of March last it was accordingly paid him & his receipt comes in the Pacquet No. 6.

[Capt. Phrip] requests. his charter-party mony his [recpt.] sent home

5. On the 18th. of April last the seperate ship Mercury Capt. Lytton arriv'd Fort St. David, & on the 29th. of the same month, anchor'd in this road, he dispos'd of his Madeira wine, and other licens'd goods here, & on the 2d. of June went under sail for ye. west coast, & Batavia to seek a Loading of pepper and Tea, at least he gave out so, & we doubt not but effectual care is taken to prevent his getting any pepper at the West coast.

Sept. ships arrival.

ordrs. for investmts. had [been [. . .] recd. by] her it wod. hve. been [an] advantage.

6. We were not so happy to receive yo^{r}. orders by this ship though they would have been very acceptable, as our contracts both here & at Fort S^{t}. David were made much about that time, upon the last years list for investments, & we could have been able to make some alterations to your advantage. We examined the Capt: very strictly for letters, but he solemnly assured us, that he was not entrusted with any.

7. [On] the 1st. of May yo^{r}. ship Grantham Capt. Jo[hn Collet] [*one line lost*]. For comeing hither are entred after our Consultatio[n of Y^{e}] 17th. of the same month.

Advice of the Hannovrs. arrival from Surat.

8. On the 18th. of May your ship Hannover, Cap^{t}. James Osbourn arriv'd from Surat, with a full loading [. . .] ton, which in all probability will turn to good acco^{t}. [in the] Bay, she carried a great freight to Surat, & the Capt: ass[ured] us that yo^{r}. Hon^{rs}. will clear at least fifty thousand Ru[pees] the voyage, We heartily wish all the rest of yo^{r}. shipping as well employ'd, He was forced to stay here sometime [to get new] Cables made, & sail'd for the Bay On the 10th. ultimo, We [have] wrote the President, & Councill by him, that if they put [part of] her Loading aboard, we shall be ready to fill her upon the middle of January at farthest.

Do. of the Somers from Bombay.

9. On the 19th. of May yo^{r}. ship Sommers Cap^{t}. [Eustace] Peacock arrived here from Bombay full [laden for] Europe, his reasons for takeing this place [are] entred after our Consultation of y^{e}. 25th. of [the same month].

Do. of ye. the Dk. of Cambridges arrival from Bombay let out to China for 18,000 Rups.

10. Your ship Duke of Cambridge Cap^{t}. [. . .] Arnold arriv'd here from Bombay the 23^{d}. of [March on her] way to China, being let out to freight, at eighteen [thou]sand rupees, Mess^{rs}. William Phipps, & William [Ster]ling supracargoes, she saild forward from he[nce] the 3^{d}. of June.

the Avarillas arrival havg. left the Bouverie & Aurengzebe off the Maederas.

11. Your ship Avarilla Cap^{t}. Hurst arriv'd [here] the 20th. ultimo, haveing touch'd nowhere since she left [Madei]ra. We suppose y^{e}. Bouverie and Aurengezebe to have put [off] the Cape by their not being yet arriv'd, We expect them day[ly] & cannot well dispatch y^{e}. Avarilla for the West coast for want of the stores that are aboard them, the souldiers landed for refreshment, & the treasure is brought [as] security, whilst the ship contin[ues].

[Are in] great forward [ness towards] Dispatchg. a [big ship] [reason] why neither the [Cardigan] nor Hannover [can be sent Ship Bouverie] or Aur]eng-Zebe thought [fitt]est.

12. We are in a great forwardness towards dispatching one of yo^{r}. biggest ships from hence by the latter end of September w^{ch}. shou'd have been either the Hannover, or the Cardigan according to yo^{r}. standing order, as they have been longest out of England, but haveing been employ'd from the Bay to Surat & Persia, they are under strict orders to return thither, & left part of their stores, & Provisions ashoar upon that presumption, the Hannover likewise had a full loading back of Cotton, & the Cardigan in all probability will bring freight Goods for the Bay so that we apprehend we must be forced to send you either the Bouverie or the Aurengezebe.

[. . . mi]ght easily have saved.

13. We wrote yo^{r}. Hon^{rs}. by the Stretham how we had been disappointed of salt Petre from the Bay, & what would be the consequence, unless the measures we had taken for a speedy supply, should succeed, Our advices luckily got down in time, & wth. the latter End of the monsoon we rece'd two thousand baggs, w^{ch}. will be sufficient for our September ship, but the freight of it is an article that might have been entirely saved, since three of our ships from the Bay, took in much y^{e}. greater part of their cargoes here.

[F]ew ships from hence [can be] made sail-worthy [with less] yn. 2,000 bags of petre.

14. Very few of yo^{r}. ships that load from hence can be made sail-worthy wth. less then two thousand baggs of Petre, so that yo^{r}. Hon^{rs}. are like to be glutted for ever wth. that commodity, unless some other method can be found for giveing the ships sufficient Kintlage.

15. The list of all shipping to, & from this Port, fro[m the] departure of the Recovery to the day of this ships [departure] comes p[ersu]ant to yo[r]. orders in the Packett. [Ships arrivd &c.]

16. We intended pursuant to yo[r]. orders of the 17[th]. of Ap[ril 1708] [to] have kept the Frederick till September, but finding y[e]. Grantham, & Sommers fully determin'd to proceed fo[rward] it put us upon considering, that those orders being Give[n] of Warr, tis most probable, that yo[r]. Hon[rs]. had an Eye to [have] sufficient convoys for the Winter ships, & contriveing [instruc]tions for them to Joyn in, & now that we are in Peace [our] Difficulties are at an end this being a proper season to proceed for [. . .] We were of opinion you would not approve of our [loosing] this oppurtunity to send y[e]. Frederick in Company [with] such good ships, & save you any more Demoorage. Your Hono[rs]. [were] pleas'd to consider, whether the aforemention'd orders, [doe] still remaine in force or be repealed. Reasons why we did not keep the Fredk. till Septr.

Secondly Concerning Goods Sent, and to be sent from Europe.

17. We have rece[d] one hundred Pipes of [wine ℔] the Avarilla w[th]. a letter from M[r]. Thomas Morgan [and Co.] that loaded them on board, severall of the Pipes are [in] bad condition, of w[ch]. you have a particular acc[t]. in our [Consultation] of the 29[th]. ult[o]., & we deferr saying any thing of the other sto[res] brought us by the Avarilla, till our other Ships arrive [and we] receive the whole Quantity sent us by them. 100 pipes of Madeira Wine recd. ℔ Avarilla wth. an accot. of their conditn.

18. It is impossible for us at present to make a[ny cal]culate of what manufactures, Goods, & stores will be [necessa]ry to send us for the year 1716, & the longer we deferr it, [our es]timate will be allways the more exact, but as we observe [your.] Hon[rs]. makes yo[r]. provisions of woollen Goods so very early in [the] Year, we think it will be for yo[r]. service, to let you know that [they] have now remaineing in the Godowns, three hundred [Bales] of ordinary redd, twenty nine bales of scarlet, thirty [nine Perpetuanos &] three of [*about a line lost*] Godowns about three hundred, & fivety ba[les] of the seven hundred last deliver'd them by agreement in Consultation of the third November 1713, besides all w[ch]. we have reced seventy six bales of redd, Green, & Aurora from yo[r]. Generall, & Councill in Bombay, who write us under the 22[d]. of March, that being in great want of mony to pay for a parcell of Pepper, w[ch]. they were obliged to buy for compleating y[e]. cargoe of the Sommers, they cou'd find no other way then to draw bills upon us for thirty thousand Rupees, & to send us seventy six bales of broadcloth to reimburse us w[ch]. by the way will not produce here more then two thirds of that sume, or thereabouts. As it happen'd that we were in Cash sufficient to carry on yo[r]. affaires, we have paid the bill for the credit of yo[r]. settlements on that Coast, but intend to write them by the next oppurtunity, that as we demand from Europe the full quantity of Broad cloth that will vend upon this coast for any reasonable proffitt, it will be a very great prejudice to the sale of our own, if we have such large Quantitys flung in upon us from other parts. We cannot at present make any calculate of wt. we shall demd. Accot. of goods in our Godowns. [Acct. of bales.] received from [Bombay]

19. Haveing given yo[r]. Hon[rs]. an acc[t]. of what cloth there is now in Town, you will be pleas'd to consider y[e]. quantity that is comeing upon y[e]. Bouverie, & AurengZebe, as also what we wrote for by the Marlborô, w[ch]. will be ship'd of before this can come to hand, & from thence you will Easily conclude, that our demands are not likely to be larger than the last, We fear much less as to the quantity, but 'tis very probable the demand will be cheifly in Aurora, & other fine cloth, w[ch]. will raise the amo[t]. of the Export, for the Glut is only like to be in the Redds, & Green. [Having] given yo. an Accot. [what cloth there] is in town please consid[r]. ye. quantity on ye. [Bouverie] & AurengZebe wrote for by ye. Marlbrô [Dema]nd. will be chiefly in [Aurora] & othr. Fine cloth.

[In]form'd that there [are] 5000 bas. lieg. at [Bombay & Surat]we [. . .]

We are credibly inform'd that there are near Five thousand bales of Broad cloth lieing by at Bombay, & Surat and are humbly of opinion, that 'twill be more Your Inter[est] [*two lines lost*] the Worm that will unavoidably breed in [our selling yo^{r}.] cloth at any Price will by degrees bring the manufact[urers in] disrepute, but of these matters we shall have occasion [to refer] more particularly in our next.

THIRDLY TOUCHING INVESTMENT.

We have been hard at work in provids. Goods ever since the Recoverys disph. but the ffrench invests. at ye. same time & give 15 ℔ Ct. more y^{n}. we creat us great difficulties.

20. We can say little under this head, but what we sh[all have] occasion to repeat when we come to answer Yo^{r}. Letter by [Ava]rilla, We have been hard at work both here, & at Fort S^{t}. [David] in provideing goods by the Last years list, ever since the [dis]patch of the Recovery, though we have inexpressib[le dif]ficulties to contend wth. by reason of the French Inv[estments] that are intirely made in that part of the [Country] whence we receive at least two thirds of all [: . . .] and Sallampores, the prizes of their [contract seem] to be ten, & fiveteen ℔ Cent higher then ours [. . .] such quantities of [rea]dy mony, it is as much [as we can] to keep our Fort S^{t}. David Merch^{ts}. from remo[ving] their habitations to Pondicherry.

Brampoor chints by ye. ship shod. have come by ye. last. The Longclo. & sallampr^{s} are part of Mr. Davenp^{ts}. contract in Oct^{r}. last & wi^{ch} we hope you'l find much bett^{r}. than formerly.

21. The Brampore Chints that come upon [the Frederick] are what shou'd have been sent upon the former, [. . .] was more difficulty in getting them made than we [. . .] and they did not arrive till the Recovery was full.

22. As for the Fort S^{t}. David Long Cloth, & salla[mpores]- it is part of the contract made by M^{r}. Davenport in [his] last, we have receiv'd good part off it here, & are of opinio[n You^{r}.] Hon^{rs}. will find it much better Wove, & better cured [than] you have had from thence for some years, thô the [price] is the same, & the Merch^{ts}. had the disadvantage of [sell]ing no Beetela's in that Contract, Our present [agreement] is at the same prices, & we hope M^{r}. Frederick will see it perform'd well [*about two lines lost*]

[4 Bas] of Chints on ys. [ship] rem^{r}. of wt . Mr. [Davenpt.] had ye. care of [providing but] being ill done. [. . .] abated. [. . .] superfine chints [. . .] muster.

23. There are four bales of chints upon this ship, the remaind^{r}. of what M^{r}. Davenport had the care of provideing when Warehousekeep^{r}., but when the Painters brought them in, they appear'd to be so ill done, that an abatement was made upon the painting of fiveteen pag^{s}. a corge less than agreed for, & we have sent a bale of chints mark'd CHINTS superfine, q^{ty}. five corge that are much better perform'd, & upon finer Cloth for a Tryal, w^{ch}. we doubt not, but will answer your expectation, thô they cost more the doing.

Remdr. of wt. agreed.

24. The Romalls are the remainder of what agreed for according to yo^{r}. list, sent us of 1712, these Goods are a tedious while provideing, & much adoe to get them at last.

[FOURTH]LY TOUCHING THE TRADE OF INDIA IN GEN^{LL}. AND THEREIN ANY TRANSACTIONS WITH THE COUNTRY GOVERNMENT.

Advised the Captr. [of Jane] since when [. . .] ye. owners silver [they]

25. In our last we advis'd the capture, & Ransom of our ship Jane bound in a voyage to Tonqueen, the said ship arrived here the 27th. of February, & we immediately apply'd to the Governm^{t}. of Pondicherry, pleading the articles of the Cessation, upon w^{ch}. the ransom bills were given up, & they return'd us a chest of silver, w^{ch}. Mons^{r}. Boynot had taken from aboard, belonging to the Cargoe, but as for the Capt^{s} & officers private mony, & severall other articles that were

plunder'd out of the ship, we have not hitherto been able to get any restitution made the Captors, pretending that no such thing is Customary in Europe, w^ch^. seems very improbable, & unjust & therefore we still insist, & if they do not do us Justice, we shall give you a further acc^t^. of this affair in our next.

chuse to return [but not] officers their [pos]sessions.

26. It was by meer accident that we had the articles of the ce[ssation] [*about two lines lost*] that for the fu[ture. . .] Acts of Parliament, & other public papers as may [. . .] relate to the trade of these parts, & the Government of your [Count]ries.

[Acts of] Parliam^t &c^a^. be sent us for ye future.

27. As to the present state of our Trade in Generall [it is] much better than last year, except the Manhilla bra[nch] is very near lost to us, the vast quantities of all sorts of [Europe] Goods thrown into Peru, & Mexico, but chiefly the former [as] the peace was made, & the trade from China to Peru [by] ships for some years past has beat down the prices so low, that the Galeon of the last year return'd fr[om] Spain to Manhilla w^th^.out mony, haveing left [. . .] Acapulco unsold; for w^ch^. reason the Galeon went from [Manhil]la this time twelve month^s^ without a bale of Good[s . . .] Spaniards pay no debts till a rich Galeon arrives, [the] trade is at a full stop both in Manhilla & all you[r fact^s^] that trade thither & yo^r^. [Inhabitants of that place . . .] Goods, & debts between three, & four hundred the [. . .] remaineing in Manhilla, not one Dollar haveing [been ex]ported from thence this season, & very few the yea[r] w^ch^. is a great prejudice to the carrying on of the trade [in Ben]gall, China, & other parts.

The trade in general much bettr., except ye . Manhila branch wch. is very near lost.

28. We have not yet heard any news of Pyrates in [. . .] except Mons^r^. Boynot may be reckon'd one, who by [order] of the King of France's Commission has plunder'd [severall] China Juncks, & other vessells, upon w^ch^. it is beleiv'd that [many] Ports of that Country will be shut up to the French nation [if] not to all other Europeans of w^ch^. we shall know the truth next season, & in [the me]antime Mons^r^. Boynot is a[rrest]ed, & taken out of the command, & goes home Prisoned [*about two lines lost*] & about fourty Europeans, English, Dutch, & french ran away from two French men of Warr in S^t^. Augustin's Bay sometime in October last wherefore we hope yo^r^. Hon^rs^. will think of some sure methods to prevent that Knot of Pyrates from gathering to a head again, w^ch^. will effectually ruin what trade we have left, & bring very great difficulties upon your affaires.

No news of Pyrats as yet except Mons^r^. Boynot may be reckond on who has plunder'd sev^ll^. China Juncks tht. he's turned out of his ship.

[. . .] ye. pyrates.

29. As for the Country Government round about us we are in perfect peace, & quietness, but the Chinjee Government is embroild by the death of the Raja Surop Sing, & all the Country about Metchlapatam, & to the Northward of it, is full of troubles, so that we can have little hopes of any Quantity of Goods from those parts this season.

[Country govt.] Abot us very [quiet] & ye. Country embroil'd so [yt we hope] but few [goods thence]

30. Our last letter from Bengall dated the 22^d^. Aprill, advise th[at] the intended present for y^e^. Mogull was then loaden [in] boats bound to Patna, & only waited the arrivall of a Gusbardar sent down from court to attend it, in hopes he wou'd also bring orders for defraying some part of the Expences in passing thrô the Country; M^r^. John Surman, Coja Seerhaud, y^e^. Armenian, M^r^. Edward Stevenson, & M^r^. Hugh Parker, are the persons pitch'd upon for a chief, & Councill to go to Court upon this affair, & as a token of the King's favour, & willingness to receive the Present, he has order'd us a Hosbullhookum under y^e^. Grand Viziers seal directed to all subahs, Duans, Govern^r^. of Provinces &c^a^., wherein he commands that all y^e^. privileges, & Freedom of trades, w^ch^. we enjoy'd under Aurengzebe be continued unto us, we have reced an attested coppy thereof for ourselves, & transmitted another to Bombay.

[Lre] from Ben[gall . . .] us [ye] arr^ll^. of a [Gusbardar] from court.

[As token] of ye Kings favr. [he has] granted us a Husbullhookam.

31. Our last letters from Persia bearing date 25^th^ of Aprill advise that the [Agent] & all our people were retired from Spahan to Syrash rath[er] than bear the insufferable abuses, dayly [. . . Government w^ch^. have] [*two lines lost*] dated in a little time, & not doubting but they have an [swer'd your] Hon^rs^. fully overland we woud not enlarge in this Su[bject].

[Our] last Lettrs. from Persia [. . .] they hope; [. . .]

FIFTHLY TOUCHING FORTIFICATIONS, BUILDINGS, REPAIRES, AND REVENUES.

Wt. yor. Honrs. have wrote undr. ys. head requiring. considerath. we are not able at present to give a satisfactory ansr.

32. What your Honrs. have been pleas'd to write us [under] this head by the Avarilla will require some consideration [before] we can be able to give a satisfactory answer, however, [we hope to] do it in our next, & are makeing all convenient prepa[ration for] the necessary work you have recommended.

Reasons why we finish'd Egmore house.

33. Considering how much mony had been [laid out at] the Redoubt, & house at Egmore, we thought it [more advisable] to bestow a small matter more for finishing it, rather [than let it] run to ruin, the only use we can put it to is to lodge [your] servants, there, when [there were out in aid of sick souldiers] when they first come [. . . good, & will help] much to their recovery.

SIXTHLY TOUCHING FACTORS, WRITERS, OFFICERS, SOULDIERS, AND THEIR ACCOUNTS.

Jno. Mason died of a malignt. Feavr. 20th. May & [He is] succeeded by N. Turner who wh. ye. Paymr. & Ld. Custr. is ordd. to take care of his effects.

34. As we shall have occasion to write fully under this Head [in our] next when we come to answer yor. Honrs. letter of the 13th. of [. . .] we shall only take notice here, that John Mason our [Secretary] died suddenly of a malignant feavour the 20th of May [last &] finding no will by him, the Paymastr., Land customr. & Nathaniel Turner, our present Secry. are appointed to take care of [his] Effects.

Abel Langelier died 26th. ulti.

35. Abel Langelier Factor departed this life the [26th. June last.]

Thos. Gray appointed [. . .] councill at Ft. St. D & Berriman Factor.

36. We have appointed Mr. Thos. Gray youngest of [Council] up at Fort St. David and necessity has obliged us to take Robt. Berriman, a factor bred under Mr. Haines[*a line lost*] has kept the books of that settlement, dureing Mr. Robert's time and ever since, he is a capable man, & very well vers'd in yor. affaires at Fort St. David, for wch. reason we did not care to part with him at this Juncture when assistance of that kind is so much wanted, His circumstances requir'd him to go a voyageing for the maintainance of his family, wch. we had no other means to prevent, than by takeing him into yor. service and therefore we humbly hope you will not disapprove it, but tye him down to a residence at that Place, where he will be very assisting to yor. affaires. Mr. Thos. Frederick and Mr. John Berlu are his securities.

[Peck to be] sent home [. . .]

37. One Charles Peck son of old Deptv. Peck, that came out Purser upon the seperate ship Joseph, haveing leave to remaine ashore here whilst his ship went to Bengall, made a visitt to Mr. Raworth at Fort St. David, & happen'd [to be in] Fort during the Troubles. Our Consul[tations] 21th. of May wth. the attestations entred after [them] show yor. Honrs. how active he was in all [that] mischief for wch. reason we thought ourselves oblig'd to confine him till the arrivall of his ship, when we shall oblige him to return to Europe.

[. . .] Gostlin continuing [in Fort] wth. Mr. Raworth [at F. S.] D. to ye. last.

38. Styleman Gostlin Writer, and son of Capt. Armiger Gostlin an old Inhabitant of this place was the only person of yor. covenanted servants that continued wth. Mr. Raworth in the Fort till the very Last, he is very Young and Mr. Raworth took a great deale of paines to seduce him wch. is all that can be pleaded in his behalf. We begg leave to referr you to our Consultation of the 7th. of Aprill, for our resolutions concerning him till we know yor. Pleasure.

39. Mr. Thos ffaucett formerly order'd from Vizagapatam to [reside at Ingeram] again, & sending away [. . .] Complaint [*About two lines lost*] mony [. . .]ment, & before we could make enquiry into the tru[th of the] matter, or transmitt a coppy of the charge to Mr. Hastings [or his] order to his defence, Mr. ffaucett (instead of going to Vizagapatam where he was

recall'd), of his own accord came directly hither & brought the cheif merch^{t}. wth. him to justifye the truth of [his com]plaint (though we think M^{r}. ffaucett highly to blame [for com]ing hither on his own head) we intended to have call'd [M^{r}.] Hastings hither wth. the turn of the Monsoon to answer [his] charge, & severall other particulars alledg'd against him [on] receipt of your letter by the Avarilla, & now M^{r}. Jennings [came] down pursuant to yo^{r}. orders, as soon as he can settle [down] and we hope by our September ship we shall be able to [. . .] issue of this complaint against M^{r}. Hastings, w^{ch}. we ca[n give] no Judgement of, till we hear what he has to say in hi[s] defence, but we hope he will acquit himself honour[ably that] he may take the station you have been pleas'd to a[ppoint] him at this board.

Considerable desertions has happen'd among ye. Military at Ft. St. David since ye. late troubles.

40. We have had considerable desertions among [the Mi]litary at Fort S^{t}. David since the troubles, fiveteen of those that adheer'd to M^{r}. Raworth wth. three serjea[nts] went away at once in a body wth. their arms from the [office] guards where they were posted among others, & ma[rched to] the Tanjore Country, where they took service under the [Raja] who is at present engaged in Warr wth. his Neighbours, [We] have not been able to retrieve them all, but some have [since] recover'd, & severely punish'd, these, & severall other disord[ers] that have lately happen'd may be very Justly call'd [for con]sequences of M^{r}. Raworth's debauching that Ga[rrison] by setting up for himself, for they can have no caus[e of com]plaint being duely paid the beginning [of each month] & no deduction suffer'd to be [made] except for dyet & clothing but most of the soldiers so bad will stick at no wickedness when can gett to a head of w^{ch}. there have been [. . .] Fort S^{t}. David revolt, it is absolutely necessary for the preservation of your estate, & the National interest in these parts, that they sho^{d}. be speedily made sensible of their being subject to the Laws, & Punishments of great Brittain, as well here as elsewhere, otherwise we are humbly of opinion Yo^{r}. Hon^{rs}. will have occasion to repent of yo^{r}. lenity when it is too late.

[Account] of a riot com[mitted in the] black town [. . .]

41. But few days since about fifety of the ablest Europeans of the free guard comp^{y}. in this Garrison that has allways the liberty to take the evening air wthin the circuit of yo^{r}. bounds got together in some of the Gardens wthout the Town, where they were drawn up by one Marvel a private Centinel of a Villanous disposition, & after they had arm'd themselves wth. clubs (their own arms being always kept in the ffort) he divided them into small Parties of six men each, & sending them by severall ways through different streets he assembled them at y^{e}. sound of a Hunting Horn in the Bazar, & fell upon Your Peons that are appointed to watch the black Town knocking down every body that stood in their way; about twenty black people being very much wounded before the Guards cou'd get up to Quell them, & the next morning when we came to punish the ring Leaders, the very first had the insolence to say upon the parade in a publick manner (so as to be heard by every body) that he could bear a whipping very well & knew that was the worst punishment we had a power to inflict, however he alter'd his opinion before we had done wth. him, & we only relate this instance to convince Yo^{r}. Hon^{rs}. of the necessity there is for the Publick good, that such incorrigible villains shoud be made publick & severe Examples, We hope to save the lives of all those that were wounded, & some of the worst of these fellows must be sent off the shoar in Irons being of no [*a few words lost*] [else they will corrupt] the rest of the Garrison.

Seventhly Touching Accounts.

The Gen^{ll}. Books are ballang. & hope they will be p-fected before Mr. Jennings sets out for Vizagapatam.

42. What we have at present to offer under this head is [that the] Generall books are ballanceing, the severall acco^{ts}. of rem[aines] being duely past in Consultation, & deliver'd the Accomp[tant] to compare, We hope all will be perfected before M^{r}. Jennings (that has them under his care) sets out for Vizagapatam we shall be able to send them by the September ship [with ne]cessary remarks, in the mean time we send herewth. [our Con]sultations, & Acco^{t}. Cash to the last of June.

Advice abot. the Benjam̃ Capt. Phrip left in Mr. Raworths hands &. Mr. Jerh. Harrison havg a part it's stop'd to clear wt. he stands indebted upon ye. West Coast Books.

43. When Capt. Phrip went hence for Euro[pe in the] Year 1711 he left a parcell of Benjamin wth. [M^{r}. Robert] Raworth to be dispos'd of for his, & M^{r}. Jeremiah [Harrisons] accounts, The said Benjamin not being sold, when [y^{e}. President] arrived it fell into his hands among other Goods [as M^{r}. Raw]orth's Attorney, Accordingly he sold it in the Ye[ar] 1712 and brought the produce to M^{r}. Raworth's acco^{t}. [say]ing but it was his, he has since acknowledg'd it to [belong to] the persons aforemention'd, & therefore as the [produce was] lodg'd in your cash, We have paid Capt. Phrip h[is half] & wrote off the other half to M^{r}. Harrison's acc[^{t}.] towards makeing Good the thousand Dollars he stan[ds indebted] upon your Books at Bencoolen.

Referr'd the affair of the Metchlep̃. Merchts. debt to several Consultations.

44. We begg leave to referr Yo^{r}. Hon^{rs}. to [our Consul]tions of the 16th. of Feb^{ry}. last y^{e}. 13th. & 18th. of Mar[ch] and 20th. Aprill and the 10th. of June, w^{ch}. con[tains particu]lars of all that has past in treaty between [the New] Comp^{s}. Merch^{ts}. of Metchlepatam. Hope M^{r}. Henry [Da]venport hath inform'd how that matter stood when he left Madrass, which cant be don so well in writing. The Companys earnestness to have this concluded as well as we could, & the order of court w^{ch}. they procur[d] and produc'd here by means of the Armenians determin'd us not to let them go away from hence till the debt was discharg[d].

Why the Merchs. could not be [. . .] for less then [80,000] Pagodas.

45. We can assure Yo^{r}. Hon^{rs}. wth. the greatest sincerity that we left no means unessay'd to beat down the sum̃e, & finding at last that they were resolv'd to make another effort in England upon some Incouragement they had reced from thence (w^{ch}. we apprehend wou'd not have been pleasing to you) We at last agreed to pay them y^{e}. sume of eighty thousand Madrass Pag^{s}., w^{ch}. is an abatement of fourty four thousand, five hundred, seventeen pag^{s}. upon their bonds & no more than two, & a half ℔ cent Interest upon their principle debt, We heartily wish we could have done it cheaper, but there was no roome left for private negotiation, after they were once satisfied from Yourselves that you had order'd the debt to be paid, & the President being obliged to pass his Word before Wittnesses (when he made y^{e}. former bargain wth. Quolla Vincatram̃a for his share) that in case others rec'd more, he shou'd receive the same in proportion, We could only make him pay interest for the fiveteen hundred pag^{s}. then advanc'd him in part, & so let him come in for his share among the rest, we have taken full, & ample discharges, from all the heads of the Merch^{ts}. Tashereift them according to custom for a Public demonstration of their being well satisfied and sent them away to their Habitations.

[Aga Perie] demads. [. . .] merchts.

[46]. We must not omit to acquaint Yo^{r}. Hon^{rs}., that when we came to pay the Merch^{ts}. this mony in Consultation, Aga Perie an Armenian Inhabitant of this place, & Correspondent to Cojee Babba in England came, & demanded a considerable sume of mony upo[n pretence] that he was employ'd by the [*one line lost*] He give any [. . .] to their [*a few words lost*] him any power to act in their behalf, & all he could prove [. . .] they gave him a letter address'd to Your Hon^{rs}. to be inclosed [to] ffriend of his to deliver it. We demanded therefore of Aga Perie to state an acco^{t}. of the charges he had been at, & if they app[ear rea]sonable, we wou'd allow them, but this he absolutely [refused] we think ourselves no way obliged to encourage hi[s consider]able demands upon these poor people, especially [Consider]ing, that his haveing intermeddled in an affair [not] concerning him, has undoubtedly occasion'd Yo^{r}. [spend]ing considerable more for accommodateing the[. . .] than we need to have done, cou'd we [have followed the] method we were in before.

Eighthly Touching the West Coast.

the 16 soldrs. that were sent to the West

47. In our letter by the Recovery we acquainted you [what] sent yo^{r}. Deputy Govery^{r}. & Councill upon our ship Dolbin to Batavia, we have since reced an acco^{t}. of their arrivall at a [very] seasonable time as they were much wanted.

Your Hon^{rs}. [will] please to observe we mention'd in our 21st. Paragraph, that [. . . .]souldiers were as many as we durst venture upon a ship, & 'twas very lucky that we sent no more, for be[tween that] place, & Bencoolen, they mutiny'd, & attempted to [carry the] ship to Madagascar, but the Capt: being a brisk [man managed to] shift wth. his officers, & Lascars to get the better of them, [but] not before they had kill'd one out right & wounded four, or [five].

Coast ℔ the Dolbin mutiny'd & endeavd. to run away wth. the ship.

48. We sent six souldiers by the Mercury Cap^{t}. [Lytton who] were as many as he cared to take in.

Six soldrs. sent on the Mercury.

49. We have not reced a particular acco^{t}. of this affair [*two lines lost*] [longer than] ordinary, that he may be able to do you [. . . ad]vice in supplying them wth. what is most wanted, We have reced advice of your two Borneo ships being arriv'd Batavia, & as we are pretty sure they can do nothing at Borneo, where the Dutch has made a Contract for all the Pepper, there is no doubt but they are upon the West-coast by this time, and we will not detain the Avarilla longer on any Acco^{t}., than that she may be in time to save her passage about the Cape, if there is Pepper enuff to dispatch her, but we have private letter's from Batavia, that inform us of yo^{r}. ship Susanna being there in May from whence we conclude she had a late dispatch from Bencoolen, & that the N^{o}.ern settlements w^{ch}. produce y^{e}. greatest quantities of pepper are still in Warr, & Trouble w^{ch}. if true, there will be more shipping upon the West coast, than can be dispatch'd this next season, by our September ship we shall be able to write Yo^{r}. Hon^{rs}. further under this head.

[Reed. advice] from Batavia [that the two] Borneo ships [have] arrd. there [Letters say] Susanna was there [in May] that the Warr [is still to] ye N^{o} ward.

Of the French Dutch & Danes Shipping.

[50]. In the month of ffeb^{ry}. last Mons^{r}. Boynot Commander of two French shipps of forty Guns arriv'd Pondicherry from Peru, but last from Manhilla, one of the ships is not fitt to proceed for Europe wherefore they have sold her and intend to carry their whole stock home upon the other, w^{ch}. as near as we can learn amo^{ts}. to two hundred thousand pag^{s}., the better half of it will be invested in the Goods of this coast Viz^{t}. Longcloth from forty to one hundred & Twenty pag^{s}. a Corge, Sallampores of the same [fineness Morees] of all sorts, Betellas, oringall and some Metchlepatam Chay Goods with the rest of the stock have bo^{t}. some few Bay Goods and Marcus Moses (the Jew) is prov[idi]ng Diamond [at the Mines.] This ship proposes to depart for Europe in Septem[ber] but that we think impracticable, We have already [advis]ed you wth. the Commanders being arrested for plu[ndering] severall China Junks.

[Mons^{r}.] Boynot arrd. Pondry. [ffeb^{ry} last] wth. a stock of abo^{t}. 200000 [Pags. to be invested] in goods of ys. Coast.

51. In March last Mons^{r}. Grangemont a[rrived] at Pondicherry from ffrance wth. two of the Kings [ships] of seventy Guns a third of thirty Guns that came [out from] France wth. them, went upon the Malabar Coast where [there was] a Cargoe of pepper, & Join'd them again at Pondicherry in May the stock of the three ships as near as we can Learn amo^{ts} to one hundred, & fourty thousand pounds when the[. . .] of France, two of them are gone to Bengall wth. Mons^{r}. [Grangemont] & part of the stock to be invested, the third remaines [at Pondi]cherry wth. about one hundred, & fourty thousand po[unds] invested in the Goods of this Coast as beforementioned [and] intends likewise to sail thence for Europe in [Sep^{r}.] but we do not think it possible unless they leave [with] their stock behind them, the small ship is intend[ed to get] freight in Bengall for Persia.

In March last Mons^{r}. Grangemont arrd. Pondry. wth. three ships their stock abo^{t}. 140000 £s. 140000 Pags. of w^{ch}. to be invested in goods of this Coast.

52. Besides all these arriv'd a small run[ner from] France in Aprill wth. the news of the peace [She belongs] to St. Malous, & was ten months in her voyage will send her to Bengall & the Malabar coast, there to [lade with] pepper for Europe Yo^{r}. Hon^{rs}. will Easily Judge what difficult[ies these large] stocks from France must unavoidably bring upon [the trade on] the Coast here & the influence they will have upon yo^{r}. su[bordinates].

In April [arrived] Pondry. a Runner from France wth. ye. News of peace.

53. The Danes have only one ship this year th[at was] twelve month in her passage, & arriv'd here in A[pril with] no great stock considering the necessity's they are [to return to] Europe wth. a Gruf Cargoe in September.

The Danes hã but one ship ys. year yt. arrd. in April last.

[54] [*one line lost*]. Dutch ships are arrivd on the Coast their Investments much the same they used.

[Goods] regisd. by Capt Phrip [comes in] pacquet.

[55] List of what Goods Capt. Richd. Phrip has registre'd at this place, comes in the Packett N°. 12.

[Accot.] of wt. laden on ys. [ship].

[5]6. We have loaden upon this ship 1101 bales, & 1350 baggs of salt Petre amots. to Pags. 77,909. 15Ps. 19 Ca. according to Invoice in the Packett N°. 3, & the Capts. request for what Petre he has on board more then Charter Party Kintlage as demanded of us in Consultation of the 11th. of Febuary comes likewise in the Packett N°. 11.

We shall detain Yor. Honrs. no longer at present than to assure you we are wth. all respect.

Honble. Srs.
Yor. most faithfull & obedt. Hu. Servts.

Fort St. George,
July the 15th. 1714

Edward Harrison.
William Jennings.
Bernd. Benyon.
William Warre.
Richard Horden.
Joseph Smart.
Thomas Cooke.

General Letter from Fort St. George to the Company, dated July 17, 1714.
[*Public Despatches to England, Vol. 4, pp. 20–21.*]

[To] Honble. the Court of Directors
[for affaires of the Rt. Honble.]
United Compy. of Merchants of England
Trading to the East Indies.

Honble.

(*Marginal note lost.*)

Since sealing our Pacquets by these ships, yr. ship Aurengzebe Arriv'd this morning, she left the Bouverie 20 degrees to the Et. of the Cape in a very strong gale of Wind, & brings news of the Marlbros. sails. from the Cape four days before their arrivll. the Stretham & King William [past] by & the Recovery came in there just before her Departure. Three of the Rioters and Mutineers Ring Leaders advis'd of in the General Letters now sent home, one in each ship, and the several Capts. have order's to follow yor. Honrs. [directions] concerns. them when they arrive in Great Britain. We [have] also sent on board the Frederick one Jn°. Holbert (yt. wa[s a] very active person in the Revolt at Fort St. David) for [you] to use yor. pleasure wth. him, he's too dangerous a person [to] you anywhere. We once more wish prosperity to yor. affairs and this ship a safe arrival being wth. much respect.

Honble.
Yor. most faithfull & Obedt. & humble. [servants]

Fort St. George,
17th. July 1714.

E. H[arrison].
W. J[ennings].
B. B[enyon].
W. W[arre].
R. H[orden].
J. S[mart].
T. C[ooke].

LETTER TO CAP^{T}. RICHARD PHRIP COMMANDER OF THE FREDERICK, DATED JULY 16, 1714. [*Public Despatches to England, Vol. 4, pp. 21-22.*]

To CAPT RICH^{D}. PHRIP
COMMAND^{R}. OF SHIP FREDERICK.

Your ship being fully laden, you are [hereby] order'd to repair on board, & wth. the first oppurtunity [of] Wind, & Weather to proceed, & make the best of yo^{r}. Way [to y^{e}.] Port of London, & whatever port of Great Britain [y^{u}. arrive] first at, We order you to send away yo^{r}. Purser wth. [the packet] deliver'd you in a box mark'd A directed to the [Hon^{ble}. y^{e}.] Court of Directors for affaires of the R^{t}. Hon^{ble}. [y^{e}. United Comp^{y}.] of Merch^{ts}. of England tradeing to the East Indie[s to] whom yo^{r}. ship goes Consign'd.

Capt Phrips orders to proceed for the port of London & send ashore ye. box marked A [with his Purser].

We likewise deliver you a Flying Packett [Letters] w^{ch}. you are to forward by post or Express immediately yo^{r}. arrivall at any port in Europe where Conveyance [can be had taking] care to write yo^{r}Self to [the Hon^{ble}. the Court of Direct^{rs}.with an Account of what has hapned material in your voyage that they may have no cause of complaint as formerly] for want of advices when at the same time our Packett has been detain'd aboar'd.

order'd to send ye. accompanyg. Flying Packett by the first oppurtunity, & write to [the Hon'ble the Court of Directors],

If any unforeseen Accident should oblige you to [put up] for Mauritius you must avoid the Northwest Harbour, and Carpenter's bay for fear of Pyrates, & make for the S^{o}. E^{t}. harbour, where the Dutch formerly had a settlement.

[Directio]ns against falling in the hands of pyrates.

You are required to touch only at S^{t}. Helena in your Way home for refreshment, where you must bring yo^{r}. ship to an Anchor before you come open wth. Chappell Valley near Mundens point; if you don't meet wth: good anchor [hold] sooner, from whence you must send your boat ashore to Give the Gov^{r}. intelligence who you are, because he has orders to fire at any strange ship that Endeavours to pass that point, before he knows what they are, & whence they come, & we do not yet know whether those orders are Countermanded since the Peace.

[Required] not to touch ashore unless St. [Helena] & anchor before [coming with] Chappell [valley] from whence [to send the] boat ashore [to give intellig]-ence who, you are [& whence you] Came.

We strictly enjoyn you as formerly not to come ne[ar] any ship at Sea if possible to be avoided unless you have secure signals concerted beforehand, so as to know they are of your Companions, because there may be pyrates abroad as formerly.

[enjoy^{n}] against [nearing] & meetg. [any ship] at Sea un-[less well] instructed by [appointed sig:] whether friends.

We wish you a Prosperous voyage, & Date [this] in Fort S^{t}. George this sixteenth day of July 1714.

E.H.
W.J.
B.B.
W.W.
[R.H.]
[J.S.]
[T.C.]

General Letter from Fort St. George, to the Company, dated September 29, 1714. Received Per Aurengzebe May 2, and Joseph May 10, 1715. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts, Vol. 1, pp. 485—502 (India Office Transcripts).*]

1. Their last was of the 15th July per Frederick, Duplicate and Triplicate thereof sent per Somers and Grantham they all sail'd the 18th.

2. Shall now give a full answer to the Companys General of 13th January 1713–14.

First Concerning Shipping sent out and Return'd.

3. Glad all the Companys ships dispatcht home Anno 1712 arriv'd safely. The Desbouverie arriv'd Madrass the 22th July, Eagle Galley and Borneo were in July at Batavia—Hester gon for China, the Aurengzebe left the Arabella at the Cape.

4. If the Arabella escapes the Pyrates her expedition to Madagascar will be of great benefit to the West Coast affairs where hath been a great Mortality for two years, fear Shee or the other two Ships can do little at Borneo, may perhaps get Pepper on the Coast of Java. The Dutch very severe with the English at Batavia since General Rebecks death and the Heer Van Zwolls Succession.

5. Have by the Bouverie and Cardigan sent the Bay their full remainder of Stock in rup^{s}. as per Letter of the 1st September, have sent them 7 Chests more of Silver not coyn'd for buying Stores &c^{a}. desir'd for Madrass.

6. Wish the Comp^{as}. Severitys mention'd in the 14th Par^{a}. may keep the Captains to their duty. Captain Goodman's running the ship ashore at Portsmouth and breaking off most of the false keel obliged him to dock her in the Bay and his Protest shows he did it to satisfy his freighters for Persia, this prov'd a Service to the Company for Securing her returning Cargo. Reason for Employing the Dartmouth was not because a favourite ship but Commanders as do their duty ought to be prefer'd before such as act contrary and ly under Censure.

7. The Tappy Peons between Madrass and the Bay taken off so soon as were certain of the peace the Advantage not equall to the expence except in time of war, shall follow the directions touching the dispatches of Captains homew^{d}. bound and particularly with regard to Pyrates the Countrey Trade and Comp^{a}. will be great Sufferers by them if sail with Eng: Colours hope the Comp^{a}. will think of a way to prevent such mischiefs shall give the needfull directions and Intelligence to all places but the People in India are of Opinion the only Security is to forbear Trading where they used to haunt.

8. Shall mannage all disputes with Com^{ders}. in Writing as order'd Par^{a}. 17.

9. Shall observe the Companys opinion and orders about letting out Ships to China when lying on hand; Bengall has now better Opportunity to employ them; ships ought to be ready by the 20th May for that Voyage.

10. Refer to last years Acco^{t}. about the Country Vessells, have only the Madapollam Yatcht on hand of 20 tons Acco^{t}. of her earnings and charge sent if sail'd better might do more with her, when she costs more than she earns shall sell her. The President arriv'd from Bencoolen the 7th August was sent to Bengall the 25th to be refitted and loaden with proper Goods for the West Coast the Acco^{t}. of her expences on the West Coast order'd to be annually sent from thence to England.

11. Sloop Marys Expedition to Batavia with Secret orders was transacted at St. Davids and not getting a Suffic^{t}. Acco^{t}. from him could not send any. Several of the Comp^{as}. Stores put aboard her were order'd to be Sold at her return but can't find it was don the Vessell was Mr. Raworths.

12. Shall observe the Companys orders as to the manner of Capts. registring Goods the Secry. to blame, hope Captn. Phrips Register will be to Satisfaction.

13. The Compas. Encouragement design'd for Captn. Martin will doubtless excite others to venture their lives in defence of the Companys estate.

14. The Company ordering ships on the highest terms to be first sent home have advis'd the Bay to dispatch the Cardigan and Hannover first to fill up at the Fort and do now send the Aurengzebe in the fair Season being Older than the Bouverie.

15. Since the Owners of the Satisfaction would not apply to the Company to help them must blame themselves for their suffering.

16. Averilla sail'd for the West Coast the 31th July with 65 Bales Longcloth and Sallampores and Provisions and Stores amoting. to Pagodas 5993 : 25 : 30.

17. On Captain Luhomes request have supply'd the Aurengzebe with 600 bags petre she sayl'd 17th August to St. Davids with timber plank and Stores and return'd the 31th with what Bales they had.

18. Cardigan arriv'd Madrass from Persia the 18th August and putting some frte. Goods on shore sail'd the 3d instant for the Bay with the Remainder of the Bay Stock being Rups. 168000 and 7 Chests Silver.

19. August 20th the Bouverie Sail'd for Vizagas. with Mr. Wm. Jennings and 20000 Pags and thence to the Bay with Rups. 406000 and the Stores for that place on her and the Aurengzebe.

20. Have advis'd the Bay what Bales can provide on the Coast this Season and to Supply them with full Stock of Petre for one Ship or more at all times. By Ships filling up at Madrass can repart the Cargo's but not for a Septemr. Ship unless can receive Bales from the Bay in March can send Ships to the Bay but then can't return a Septemr. Ship except it be Small, will hasten away all Ships touching at the Fort.

SECONDLY CONCERNING GOODS SENT & TO BE SENT FROM EUROPE.

21. Woollen Goods and all other particulars invoiced on the Averilla Aurengzebe and Bouverie for Madrass recd. well except as in the following remarks.

22. 23 Bales Broad cloth per Aurengzebe recd. Sea Damas. adjusted at 15 per cent as per Consultation 29th July and the Accot. Sign'd per the Captain who will make it good to them.

23. On opening some of the Bouveries Bales of Cloth whose Surplices were wett find the Aurora and Scarlet to be far inferiour to the Musters in the Packet and worse than ever saw any of that price on which have return'd Samples together with the Musters recd. to compare them, also a Muster of Bale 1264 of which recd. none in the Packet reason for not Opening the Residue if they should come out as bad will create a great deal of trouble and prevent the Merchts. taking Goods on Invoice hereafter.

24. Eight Bales of Auroras per Bouverie wanting from 1449 to 1456 and 8 other Bales recd. from 1440 to 1447 Suppose mistook in the Shipping.

25. Lead per Bouverie right as to Slabs but wanted in wte. 8·$\frac{3}{4}$. 3. (o. q. lb.) as per Consultation 17th August.

26. Paper receiv'd appears good at present.

27. Have recd. 2 Chests of Medicines but not in the Method desir'd per Dartmouth would have each bring Same Contents as to quality and differ in the quantity.

28. The Surgeon says the Medicines are fresh and good.

29. Observe the Compas. reasons para. 29 why the List of Woollen Goods was not exactly comply'd with the difference inconsiderable if abate on the qty. last year as much as over don this shall want the 5 Bales fine Popinjays wt. sent in lieu will

not answer; the Reference to the Bouveries Patterns was on Acco^{t}. of Colours only.

30. Directions in par^{a}. 31th and 32d about the List of demands comply'd with last year and shall be annually for the future.

31. Refer to former Letters why the Joynt Stock Merch^{ts}. should have Woollen and other Europe Manufactures, those at St. Davids can't comply with their contracts thô have usually more Money adv^{a}. than the Amo^{t}. of the Goods bro^{t}. in, if had broad cloth it would be worse and be a Clog on them as was experienct Anno 1711 they desire no more and declared Mr. Raworth forced them to meddle with it.

32. Have Somuch Gold and Silver thread at Madrass it will not sell at near prime cost and beginning to tarnish have Sent it to the Bay in hopes it will sell better.

33. Do annually sell off old remains of woollen Goods at Outcry. Since the P^{ts}. arrivall have had no wast or dammage but what unavoidable and of them do take the best care they can.

34. Have always fully supply'd the West Coast but never imagin'd they depended wholly on Madrass, have order'd them to write the Company a List of what demanded that the Ships to them may not come empty.

35. List of Garrison and other Stores Sent last year was drawn out as Par^{a}. 39 directs those for use apart from those for Sale the prices annexed were moderate Sometimes they sell better all their Lists being well consider'd pray may have all desir'd, have no Sea Cole thô much wanted can't send too much; Ships may bring it instead of Ballast, want all Armoury Stores greatly, fire Arms much wanted what receiv'd of late years will not last 6 months pray w^{t}. shall Send may be to be depended on in case of action Spare Gun locks are for old Guns, want a good Armourer or 2 yearly among the Sould^{rs}. will save much money.

[*Paragraphs 36 to the end are from the original volume in the Madras Record Office, Despatches to England, Vol.* 4, *pp. 23–54.*]

Of Europe & Pegu Lead

36. In Answer to your 44th Paragraph touching Europe and Pegu [Lead] we have always observed that the Natives and other Inhabitants [always used] Pegue Lead for cheapness on such occasions as we mention'd wh[ich persuade] us upon doing the same and therefore it cannot be attended wth. [those] inconveniencys your Hon^{rs}, seem to apprehend.

Since ye. disph. of the Frederick We had observd that the Madeira Wine casks were very bad & accordg. to yor. ordrs. we had suppld. Bengall & all our subordinte. factories

37. We mentiond the con[dition] of the Madeira wine received ℔ Avarilla in our Letter ℔ the [Frederick]. We have since observ'd that the Cask were extremely bad, [and not] well securd wth. Iron Hoops, the Wine itself proves good and [according] to your directions we supplyd York Fort with six pipes Fort I[ngeram] with four, Vizagapatam wth. Two, and Bengall wth. twenty [eight] desiring them to dispose of what they do not use to the best [advantage] and we shall do the same here when oppertunity offers, but the Town is full of what Cap^{n}. Litton brought in the Me[rcury and] sold from twenty to thirty Pagodas the pipe.

We do not demand so much Bd. Cloth ys year as usual havg. a large quantity remaing in town

38. We have at this [time lying] in Warehouse upwards of One thousand Ba[les] of [wollen] goods, as you may please to observe in a particular acco^{t}. of [them] that comes in the pacquett N°. 12, and the merchants have [about] three hundred remaining in their Godown which is full as [much as] they will be able to vend between this and January [next the] French ships from S^{t}. Maloes have likewise imported bet[ween] two and three hundred bales of Scarlett, yellow, and Green cloth, which is much in esteem by the perfect goodness of the dye thô the cloth does

not seem to be so well manufactured as ours, [out] going quantity being considerd w^th^. due regard to what we [wanted] by the Marlbourough, We are of opinion it will be most [to our] Interest to forbear sending any quantity by the Shipping [of] 1716 and have drawn our List accordingly for if once the place is glutted w^th^. an unreasonable quantity it must [either spoil] and perish or be disposd of for less profitt than what we [get] upon Bullion, the latter would undoubtedly [*lost*] [39 . . . *lost*] present posture of your affairs at Bombay, Surat and Persia should incline your Hon^rs^. (according to what We took the liberty of hinting by the Frederick) to order part of those vast remains to this Coast and the Bay, rather than let them lie by and perish, We must desire you to forbear sending us any of the same species for one year at least, & to send us only what we have markt w^th^. a V in the List, which is for the expence of shipping and our Inhabitants.

undispos'd of

[. . .] convenient to [. . .] Bd Cloth from Bom[bay]. to send us only such [cloth] mark'd wth. a V in [the list]

40. We have been particularly carefull in drawing the List of Stores which now comes in the pacquett N°. 13 & therefore desire it may be exactly comply'd w^th^., the Madeira Wine & what else we have in store will last us till the shipping of 1716, so that if we receive any next season you may please to forbear sending any the year following, for the French bring such quantities of Clarett, Sherry, & Canary that all this Coast is glutted w^th^. it at present, so that if we have any overplus there is no hopes of selling it for prime cost.

℔ticularly carefull in drawg. [the list of] stores by ys. ship, We pray [may be] exactly comply'd with.

THIRDLY TOUCHING INVESTMENTS IN INDIA OF GOODS PROPER FOR EUROPE.

41. We shall have all due regard to the List for Investment now receiv'd, but as we have formerly advisd it is not possible every ships cargoe should come exactly agreeable to the sortment, and for instance the Longcloth now coming in faster than the salampores, this ship brings more than a proportion of the former, or else we could not dispatch her in time, but the January ships will bring the remainder of the Sallampores, and consequently they will be in time for the September sale.

[reasons] why it is not possible [every ships] cargo shod. come [exactly] agreable to ye sortmt

42. In answer to the buyers complaint of the Ordinary Longcloth in Paragraph N°. 47 there was a great deal upon the Dartmouth & Mary from this place far exceeding any that has been seen here for some years, though some was taken in on abatement that rather than let the ship there would be just cause for complaint, and us'd all possible [means] to have your buisness better done, Our Letters if perus'd well show where the fault lay, and their goods by the Howland will convince your Hon^rs^. how little regard they had for your orders [and] ours. We are very carefull in sorting as near the Musters as p[oss]ible, and a great deal of Cloth is annually turn'd out, & it is so [great] comfort to us to read in your 48 paragraph that though the Vizagapatam Long cloth N°. 1 : 2 : is generally well made [and] good, Our Long cloth No. 1 : sells at the same price though Invoyc'd cheaper by eight pence in a Piece.

[Answer to] 47 paragh. that complains [of the] ordinary Longcloth.

43. The Longcloth mark'd W mention[ed in] your 49^th^ paragraph is made at Woriapollam within forty [miles] of Fort S^t^. David to the southward and is undoubtedly the best manufucture of any in these parts, We found fault w^th^. [that] parcell of Cloth you are pleas'd to mention both for thin[ness &] price, but to no purpose as long as the managment was in [the] same hands, We are now providing a larger quantity and [also] beleive it will answer your expectation, though the French Agents are at the same place and providing the same goods [at] ten to fifteen ℔ Cent dearer than we have hitherto given.

Relating to the Woriapollam Longcloth mark'd W

44. As to what you are pleasd to [write] in the 51^st^ and 52^d^. paragraphs touching Salampores, those [of this] place ℔ Dartmouth, Mary & Howland, were at least [ten ℔]cent better in weight and fineness than w^t^. Your Presid^t^. fo[und] in the Godown at his Arrival, and great difficulty we had [to] prevail with the Merchants to let us sort them to the numbers [they] did, We can say nothing to those of Fort S^t^. David, but [what] we wrote them upon sight thereof that they must expect the heavy weight of your displeasure, As for those of Vizagapatam we have often wrote to keep to the due lengths & breadths if possible,

Concerng. salampores of ys. place, fft. St. D : & Vizagapm.

and we observe that when they do take in under lengths because the cloth is very good there is always an allowance [in] Price.

Ginghams & Saccatoons [are left] out of this Contract.

45. [*About one line lost*] concerning Ginghams and Succatoons which are entirely left out of this years Contract, and what Ginghams went on the Frederick where the remains of our last years agreement.

Moores being dearer than formerly.

46. We will endeavour to mend in the small quantity of Moorees now Order'd, but it is very well known to all persons, who have been here of late years, that Moorees are at least twenty ℔ Cent dearer than they where seaven years agoe^{s}, there being a vast consumption upon the place and a very considerable Export, every year for all parts of India.

[Concer]n^{g}. Beteelaes of 40 & 50 Coveds.

47. As to the Betteelaes mention'd in your 56th and 57th Paragraphs those of 40 and 50 Covets made here are sorted up to the musters, and now we abate upon the quantity 'tis to be hop'd, the price will rise again in Europe, the French make large quantitys of the same at dearer rates and not at all better perform'd than ours formerly at Fort S^{t}. David. We are sorry our Oringalls by the Dartmouth prov'd no better the fault must be in the sorters for no complaint was made of them at the board, we will endeavour to mend in what you have now order'd, but there is no such thing to be had in these parts at present, as Betteelaes of a delicate small wiry even thread at sixty pagodas ℔ Cordge. As for those of Fort S^{t}. David we have often wrote them that they were no Oringalls but a meer Cheat impos'd upon them, being made at another place and never cost more from the Loom than 40 Pagodas, what Answers they return'd may be seen in the copy book of their Letters, but we could never have redress and therefore entirely forbad them.

Ord^{rs}. given Mr. Jennings [. . . strip]ed Beteelaes

48. We observe Your Hon^{rs}. directions about st[riped] Betteelaes and M^{r}. Jennings hath proper orders concerning those few now to be made at Vizagapatam.

[Chints for Janry. shipping]

49. The Chints now in Hand will be ready [for the] shipping conformable to the directions in your [*one line lost*] hopes that they will every way answer your expectation.

The Chay goods were only sent for a trial, & since we cannot get them cheapr We shall send no more

50. We did observe the Chay goods to be dear when [you] bought them and gave your Hon^{rs}. the reasons that they were only for [a] tryal made in our own bounds, and therefore we sent so small a quantity, but as for those you are pleas'd to mention in your 61st paragraph formerly sent upon the Martha 170$\frac{4}{8}$ it is w[idely] known they were brought up by the New company's Matchlepatam Merchants after the Breaking up of that Factory, th[ô] they were part of the last Contract made by Councillor Pitt, all the Owners were necessitated to sell them at 25 to thirty ℔ Cent loss, we have compar'd those prices wth. the prices the Dutch [Com]pany now give at Matchlepatam and find the latter to be th[irty] ℔ Cent more, we also consulted the Matchlepatam Merch^{ts}. when they were here and not being able to bring them at [as] near the prices yo^{r}. Hon^{rs}. tie us to, we must send no more species.

The Izzarees not ans^{g}. expect^{n}: We shall send no more.

51. The Izzarees being [sent] only for a tryall and [not] answering expectation we shall forbear sending any more.

Relating to the dearness of package.

52. In answer to the 65th Paragraph concerning [the] Package of Goods you may please to observe upon our General Books that you are not wrong'd in that Article, the over val[ue] being carried to profit and Loss upon the ballance, we shall take effectuall care that the complaints of Fort S^{t}. David [and] Vizagapatam are remedied, and when M^{r}. Hastings arriv[es] we shall obblidge him to set that matter in a true light, w^{ch}. [does] not appear so clear as it ought upon their books for want [of] proper heads, and particularly one for Packing stuff.

ffort St. David has much bettr conveniences for washg. than We, so

53. Fort S^{t}. David has much better water and conveniences for washing cloth than we have here, and we have found by experience that they can cure it all together as well so that the fault has been only in your negligent and unfaithfull servants as you will be fully inform'd from M^{r}. H[enry] Davenport that was

an ear witness to the washers compl[aint] Ours have always their [hands full] here, and yet wee [*about a line lost*] send it home browne contrary to your Orders.

yt. ye fault is entirely in yor. Unfaithfull & Negligent servts, as Mr. Davenport can well inform you

54. We shall study always to save you the freight of bales from your subordinate Factories now we are out of fear of the French.

[No en]deavr. shall be wants. in [saving] you wt freight we can

55. In answer to what your Hon[rs]. write in your 69[th] Paragraph touching Investments we have always publish'd and every body knows we will buy long cloth and sallampores of any person that will bring them in, be the quantity never so great, nor have we ever refus'd any that offer'd, but there are none made here for sale that will come near to our musters, nor can any private person whatever provide a quantity unless he give out his money before hand; neither have the french nor Dutch been yet able to effect it, though it has been often Essay'd, and Sunca Rama your chief merchant here, is known to be concern'd by his brothers and relations in all Europe Contracts made upon this coast, but it is only here that such quantitys of goods can be provided without an advance, and thô it is not reasonable to expect that we should buy it cheaper than our neighbours, when they advance money and we do not, yet we can always make appear that their course goods are dearer than ours, thô they take double and treble y[e]. quantitys of fine goods in proportion to what we do which will be plainly seen in the Lists we send in the packquet N°. 15 of the French and Dutch contract prizes which are exactly drawn from Sunca Rama's books that has a brother concern'd in each of them, and resides himself at the Nabob's Camp, that all his buisness may goe the more currently on.

Concerng. investments [and bu] ys. Le Cloth & salampores [of any] ℔. son yt will bring [them in]

List of the ffrench & Dutch [contr]act prizes.

56. It is a great mortification to us that we find ourselves unable to answer your expectations in this valuable Article of Investments notwithstanding our utmost endeavours have been us'd, and particularly at making the last contract in March.

[Wee are] much concern'd to find ourselves] not able to ansr; yor. expects. [in the] Article of Investments.

57. We must either have given the Prices we did or layn still and unprovided for your shipping we stood off as lo[ng as] possible and left [no me]ans unassay'd that we could [*a line lost*] five ℔ Cent abated the year before, or else the best of the season have been lost, and all the French ships would have been fully laden, whereas they must now leave good part of their stock [behind] for want of Cloth, We entreat your Hon[rs]. to beleive us sincere in what we w[rite] upon this subject, which we have always at heart, well know[ing] the continuance of your favour will chiefly depend upon [due] good performance in this Article, and how necessary that [fact] is for our future prosperity.

[Reasons] for giving ye 5 ℔ Cent [abatmt. before].

58. Your Hon[rs]. approval of our endeavours to [remedy] the ill sortment of the Fort S[t]. David goods in paragraphs [74] and 75 and the inference you are pleasd to make in parag[hs]. [. . . is] a very great comfort to us especially when we reflect upon [the] troubles we were oblidg'd to undergo upon that account, but [we] see by our last years letters that changing hands [at once in] Factorie was not so easie a matter as you seem'd to exp[ect] we found an absolute necessity for exerting our just a[uthority] or the settlement had been entirely ruin'd, we are of op[inion] the Cloth we now send from thence will please you better th[an] of former years, and things seem still to be on the mending hand, thô we are not qualified w[th] proper persons at present [to] make a thorough reformation in that place.

Of the ill sortment of y[e] ffᵗ. St. D goods, chang hands there was not so easy as expected matt[rs]. seem on y[e]. mends. hand thô there still wants qualified persons.

Of Oringall Beteelaes & ye privte ships carryg. home better yn. ours.

59. At the close of the Lists for Investments y[our] Honrs. are pleas'd to say tis discouraging to see the private [Ships] bring home Oringall Betteelaes so far exceeding any you [have got] which will sell for one hundred and eighty shillings and [none] of yours for more than seaventy one, we have answer'd this partly [in] our last years letters, and doe again assure your Honrs. they are [not] Oringalls nor had we ever any Orders to provide that sort of [goods] we went by the sortments of former times as all our Lists [have] seem'd to refer thereto, but now we know your pleasure we shall endeavour to procure the same goods, thô we are of opinion [that it is] the smallness of the quantity that makes them sell so well in [Europe] and they are very difficult to be procur'd here, we [sent 2 small bales per Howland for a tryall, cost 75 pagodas a corge, hear nothing of them so] suppose they were not opened: We likewise sent a parcell upon the shipping of last Season and when we know how they prove we shall be able to please you better, for we are not now sure what sort it is you mention are sold so well, there goes sometimes home for presents Betteelaes that cost here One hundred & sixty pagodas ℔ Corge, but the usuall sorts which we observe the Capns buy if they can gett them cost about One hundred Pagodas to One hundred and twenty, of which no great quantity can be made in a year and beside the French buy them up at any rate however we hope to procure the quantity you direct.

Fourthly touching the Trade of India in General and therein any Transactions wth. the Country Government.

[Trade is on the mending hand] Manilha excepted.

60. Our Country Trade seems to be on the mending hand (Manilha only excepted) as we advis'd in our last, and even there we may hope an alteration for the better now we have peace wth. France & Spain, as for opening our Trade wth. the Bay we gave your Honrs. our sentiments fully upon that subject last Season with our humble thanks for your condescention.

[relatg.] to ye mony Cap. Cooke [. . . .] Ignatio Marcus.

61. To the 77th Paragraph under this head your Presidt. offers his Oath if requir'd, that Mr. Bullock often told him when here, that he beleiv'd what Capn. Cooke receiv'd of the Manilha ship might be about Two thousand dollers value in Diamonds, Ignatio Marcus is not returnd to our sorrow nor do we beleive he ever will otherwise we could have sent Authentick proof as for the story of the Knight of Maltha and Malteese Colours, and that the Dutch were about to seize the ship is notoriously false, though it must be allow'd that our people pretending to seize her gave the Dutch a very good handle to begin first in their own Port, if Capn. Lewis had been examin'd on this subject without fear of coming into trouble, he would have given a much more faithfull Account than Mr. Bullock who was the party concerned.

62. The Dispute with the French at Pondicherry about the Jane's Ransom yet depending as per letter 2d August, No 66 you may please to observe in our Letter wrote this [. . .] August in our book of Letters sent N°. 66: to wch. we have [not] any answer.

touchg. procurg. grants from ye. Government.

63. We observe very carefully the Opinion [your Honrs.] are of in your 79th paragraph touching grants from [ye. Government] and shall not endeavour at any but upon such terms [as they pro]pose, being well assured that what we have already [upon previ]ous grants, is as much as we can manage without [prejudice to] your Estates, we might say a great deal more if Fort [St. David] and Vizagapatam were considerd, that run away wth. [the] profit which this place produces, and the Grants ne[ver] confirmed by the Mogull since the conquest of the Cou[ntry.]

Of the Present. for the Mogull.

64. The Present for the Mogull was gone [forward in] company with the Kings Gusburdars before the receipt [of your] Letter, this King Farruckseer had heard of our prepar[ations when] formerly he resided at Patna, and being now settled [on his] Throne by the death of all the Competitors, it was not [deemed] adviseable to defer sending it any longer, especially [because] he has always shown a peculiar

regard to our Nation, an[d] of which you have at the time he marchd from Patna [to con]tend for the Empire when he took a vast sum from [the] Dutch by seizure, and accepted a small offering (in co[mp]arison) from us very kindly, wth. promises to repay it when he [came to] the Crowne.

65. Your Hon^{rs}: will have a full account from [the] Gentlemen in the Bay of all measures that have been ta[ken in] this weighty affair, and of the persons that are employd to [ne]gotiate it we have always contributed our best advice as opportunity offer'd which was all we could do at this distance· [for the] executive part remaining in them, we have given them full instructions for what relates to [us always] &c^{a}. with [copies of their] Priviledges as per Letters No. 38 and 39 of the 12th. April·If Coja Surhaud be honest he is capable, [. . .] doubt, & though M^{r}. Surnam is young, he is allow'd to be discreet & well skill'd in the Language, We thought it better to have had M^{r}. Frankland joyn'd wth. him, but they determin'd it otherwise in the Bay, and as for the rest that goe we have no knowledge of them.

A full accot. thereof your Honrs. will receive from the Bay & they have full instructs. for wt. relates to us.

66. If such a thing as a Present had never been begun upon, it is very probable your affairs might have gone on as quietly and well without it, but since it had made so much noise that Gursbadars were sent down in King Shawallems time to convey it through the country, and Cojee Seerhaad had been admitted to apply to the Court of the present King concerning it, which was done before we receiv'd your last years Letters, We do not see w^{ch}. way the buisness could have been drop'd without great inconveniencies to your affairs, so that what remains to be done at present is to get what we can in return for the great expence that will unavoydably attend such an undertaking, and if it be only a generall Phirmaund well pen'd it will be what never yet could be obtaind, and may reimburse the Charge in few years by the peaceable possession of all our Settlements without being necessitated to make the usuall Presents.

[If a present] had nevr. been [bigun] Affrs. might [have gone] as well, but it made such a [noise that it could] not be dropt [without great in-] convenience

67. We have given particular directions about Diu Island and a grant of it from the Crown directly, would be the best Jewel you have in India, there is every thing upon it that can be wish'd or desir'd in such a place, the water is excellent there is great plenty of wood, the Soil is fruitfull to a Wonder, productive of every thing that is usefull and necessary, especially great quantitys of the very best Chay root for painting, there is good harbouring for Vessells & Ships of an hundred & fifty to two hundred Tons, and the insufferable usuage under the Moors Government upon the main land will people the Island (as soon as we are in possession of it) with the most usefull persons for the m[anufa]ctures, and a handsome revenue may be raisd the ve[ry *a few words lost*] as the Island is already pretty [*about one line lost*] expences shall be reduc'd as low as possible and wh[en M^{r}. Hastings] arrives, We propose a thorough debate upon the state of the factory, the result of which shall come God willing by [those] ships.

[Pticular] directs. is given [about Diu] Island, a grant [of it would] be ye. best Jewel yo. have in] India there beg. everys. [that] can be wish'd for upon it.

69. (*Sic*) We have always been carefull since [your ships] arrival not to increase the number of our Moor Inhabitants [thô it] must be confessd they were too numerous before, and as yo[u are pleased] to observe in your 82^{d} paragraph there was no policiey [in suffer]ing so many to establish themselves among us, all [we hope] is to be watchfull over them and carry it fairly that [they] have no just cause of discontent, for should we attempt [to ride our] selves of them they are so many that the remedy might [be worse] than the disease.

Pticulr. care shall be taken not to increase our Moor Inhabits.

70. By Letters lately receiv'd we find your Age[nt] and the rest of your servants are returnd to Ispahawn [having] obtaind the Kings rogum wth. large promises of Justice [and fair] treatment, but as this is an affair in w^{ch}. the chief minis[ters are] themselves concern'd when we consider the weakness of [the] King that is entirely govern'd by them, it does not seem [possible] that it will ever be adjusted without a considerable Loss [to our] Estate, unless you will use force as the Dutch have often [done] or part with the most valuable of your ancient rights & pr[ivileges] in those parts, your Presid^{t}. did make the very same use of the [. . .] from Ispahawn as you are pleas'd to recommend in your [. . .] paragraph, and the Armenians flatter him

Advice of ye. Agent of Persia beg. return'd to Spahan have. obtain'd the Kings Rogum.

that what [they wrote] by his Instigation, did not a little contribute to the good [treat]ment our people have met w^th^. since the receipt of those Lett[ers].

The unhappy troubles at Ft. St. D. & Vizagapm. are always fres^h^ in our memoy. yet God. we not ward agst. the late rash behavr. of Mr. Rawth. [. . .] to [. . .] put to [. . .] cannot [. . .] farmers [. . .]

71. The Unhappy troubles at Fort S^t^. David and Vizagapatam toucht on in your 83^d^. Paragraph are always fresh [in our] memory, and it is our constant study to ward against such blows for the future, yet could we neither forsee nor preven[t] rash behaviour of M^r^. Raworth this time twelve months [. . .] it was impossible for us to imagine any man in his [senses] would be since the Company are of opinion that the warr of Fort S^t^ David is well over at last, that we did our best in that whole affair, and that our reasons for setting a foot and concluding the negotiation were good in generall, we can see little reason for our being disturb at M^r^. Farmers positive asertion that he could have done better if the management had been left to him, if we knew his reasons for saying so we would endeavour to answer them, but as he never applied to us nor to the Councill where he sat, which was a very great breach of Trust (not to call it worse) if he had any such thing in his power, as he pretends, it was impossible we could choose him out as a proper person to treat of the peace, who had shown so little management in the beginning and carrying on of the Warr, that he was forc'd to sett his hand to his own condemnation, taking the greatest part if not all the ill-consequences upon himself that attended the fatal expedition to Waldore &c^a^. for which he gave the directions.

[Our hopes] came to be [blasted] in our expects. [to reduce] expences &c^a^. at [Ft. St. David.]

72. We had once great hopes of succeeding in all the articles recommended to in the close of your 85^th^. paragraph viz. reducing the expences at Fort S^t^. David, bringing in usefull inhabitants, to carry on Trade and improve the manufactures, cultivating your Revenues and bettering your Investments, but all our hopes are blasted by the unbounded Extravagance and other unjustifyable practices of the person intrusted at the head of that Settlement, as we have accquainted you fully in our last years letters, we are now daily employd on a reformation but the seeds are too deeply sown to be rooted up without a great deal of pains and trouble.

[Resolute] behavr. of our people [at Ft. St. David] durg. y^t^. Warr & of Mr. [Raworths] transacts. since.

73. There is no doubt but as your Hon^rs^. are pleas'd to observe in your 86^th^. paragraph the resolute behaviour of our people at Fort S^t^. David will make a due impression upon the minds of the natives in these parts, and prevent their quarrelling w^th^. Us hereafter on any slight pretence, and we *shall* nev[er] [. . .] about to lessen M^r^. Raworths good services in that [*a few words lost*] them as will appear [. . .] Fort S^t^. David whilst the warr was depending, and come there never had been occasion for us to call him to account [and we] had a real regard for him, and because we find it [hard for] so many of his friends in England to beleive and [. . .] style us his malicious and inveterate Enemies [plotting] Destruction, but we must have been worse than they [thought of] us, if we had sett tamely still and permitted so conside[rable] a part of your Estates to have been carryed off to [the charge] of a Conicoply for pretended imbezlements, when he was [a] noted Bankrupt that upon your Presidents arrival [he] protested against his being longer employ'd in the Wa[rehouse] and as rich as Mr. Raworths Friends in England woud represent this Conicoply to be, it is well known he ow'd your Govern^r^, M^r^. Pitt above five thousand pagodas whe[n he went to England, and M^r^. Raworth, his attornie, had [not been able to] recover one pagoda of the Debt to the time of his [going to Fort St.] David, at least that is the only Apologie he ever [could] make for not having done it.

Yor. excellt. Rules & Methods for multiplyg. Inhabits. in all yor. settlements. we will have a ꝑticular Regard to

75. (*Sic*) We observe w^th^. due regard the excellent Methods you are pleas'd to lay down in the latter part [of the 86^th^.] Paragraph for multiplying Inhabitants in all your se[ttlements] but more especially at Fort S^t^. David, and notwithstanding the malicious and groundless reports that have been [spread] in relation to this place, we have evident demonstrati[on on our] side by the Customs and Quit rents that it never was frequented nor inhabited, be pleased to look over the Accounting, the Import and Export register, and account of Quit Rent and other revenues which will effectually convince you [if] your

Orders and Ours had been regarded as they ought, we might have to say something in favour of Fort S[t]. David, but at present can only assure you it is one of the finest spots Of Gr[ound] all this Coast, and capable of great improvements W[ith] the care of such a [. . .] tending [that . . .] value for [. . .] [. . .] con
76. The charge on the President for engrossing grain false [. . .] great favour [. . .] grain &
had your Hon[rs]. been pleas'd to add the names of those that had so falsly accus'd [. . .]
him of ingrossing the grain and other provisions, as mention'd in your 87[th]. paragraph w[ch]. is indeed no more than in Justice he might have expected according to your own establish'd rules, but as it seems only a random shott among a great many other that have been made at him since he has had the honour to serve in this post, he thinks it not necessary to goe about to undeceive such as are willing to creditt every idle and ill grounded report, but to you his Employers he is and always will be ambitious of justifying himself, and if the most inveterate of all his Enemies can prove even after he is out of this Government, that ever he bought or was concern'd in the buying up of Grain in this place since his arrival except a small part of one ships cargoe from Bengall w[ch]. was sold at publick outcry to amount of about four hundred pagodas he freely submitts to be fin'd to ten times the value of whatever can be prov'd upon him, it is true that upon his arrivall here he did (to save this place from famine and Fort S[t]. David from being inevitably lost) venture more money to sea than he was worth to bring in grain from all parts but it was at a time when he could not stir out of the Fort for hundreds of people falling at his feet that were ready to perish w[th]. hunger and how the importation of larger quantities than usuall can be call'd engrossing or occasion its being dearer when everybody else imported as they pleasd and one third of all the grain we consume is brought in land ways from the Country is what nobody living can comprehend his innocence is well known here and to all that are gone home even to his accusors themselves he has had the prayers of the poor in this place by always selling it them cheaper than they could have it elsewhere and never saw to this day the Interest of his money as he is well able to make appear, therefore humbly beggs your hon[rs]. to believe him a [man much] better [minded] than to enrich himself in [*about one line lost*] only person we have here capable of such a piece of service [has] been very ill for a long time, and God knows wether he ever [would] recover, so that it will be absolutely necessary to send us one or more qualify'd persons that understand building in generall and some small matter of Fortification, for we are of opinion your Estate has suffer'd to an Immense sum all over India for want of proper persons to survey and direct your buildings and Fortifications from the beginning, which otherwise would have been so substantially perform'd as not to have needed perpetuall repairs.

A ℔son yt. understands build[gs]. in general, Desir'd.

86. (*Sic.*) As to your revenues we may venture to averr they have never been collected w[th]. greater care or Diligence, none of your Farmers are suffer'd to run behind hand, nor has there been loss upon any one branch since your Presd[ts]. arrivall, and W[hen] the present cowls are expired, we shall be carefull to raise [the] rents as high as possible, without laying a greater burthen [on] the poor Inhabitants than they are able to bear.

Of collecting the Revenues.

87. We observe the Error made by our accomptan[ts] in the List of Revenues by the Dartmouth and rectified by the Ma[ry] better care shall be taken hereafter, and the particulars of anchorage Tonnage, Custom, on Grain, rubie brokers and registr[ing] of Slaves shall be express'd as you are pleas'd to direct, as to [the] memorandum at the foot of the sea customers account of Sunca Rama and Colloway Chitte for cloth brought in on yo[ur] account, it has stood in that manner ever since the sea Cust[oms] were establish'd and we suppose was design'd at first as a guide [to] the Warehousekeeper and President that they might take not[e] whether or no they import more cloth than what is for accou[nt] of the Investment, upon which the Warehousekeeper charges monthly the usuall Custom and Dustore of Two and one Quar[ter] ℔ Cent.

Of the Accompts. Errors by ye. Mary in ye List of Revenues ye. ℔ticu. lars of w[ch]. are express'd accords. to order.

88. Your 104[th]. Paragraph touching the Beetle and Tobacco Farmers debt of six thousand four hundred [and thirty] Pagodas is [in great] measure

[Beetle and Tobacco] Farmers [debt]

already [*nearly two lines lost*] London and we have now only to add that we have receiv'd the Lists of debts said to be due to them, and shall use our best endeavours though there is little hopes of recovering the money.

[Reasons for] not layg. duties upon Toddy [and] Tamarin.

89. We likewise advisd your hon^{rs}. in our 103^{d}. paragraph by the London the reason why we could not lay new duties upon Toddie, Tamarin &c^{a}. w^{ch}. we hope will prove satisfactory.

new ordr. for securing the Customs

90. Our new order for securing the sea Customs w^{ch}. you are pleas'd to take notice of in your 106 paragraph to have been hit on too late was no fault of ours, for as soon as we knew the inconveniencye we applied a remedy; the List of Debts deliver'd in by M^{r}. Smart was not enterd upon consultation because we did not despair of recovering them, and the whole sum was but inconsiderable, besides it is always enterd at the close of the register.

Reasons why balls of y^{e} Sea Customs [Jully 1711 came to be so [dilato]-rily paid in.

91. Your Hon^{rs}. very justly remark the dilatoriness of paying in the ballance of Sea Custom due in July 1, 1711, the true reason of w^{ch}. was M^{r}. Raworth the Sea customer being orderd away so suddenly to Fort S^{t}. David, and though he told us that he left everything in good order, We afterwards found it to be otherwise, and M^{r}. Davenport that had the care of getting in the ballance, will accquaint your Hon^{rs}. what difficultys he had to contend with, The sea Customer himself having omitted entries of his own to a considerable amount, the arrears of Customs have ever since been carefully gather'd and we allow no time but to such persons as are known to be men of Substance, unless we have the security in our own hands. We likewise admit as few recharges as possible, but some will unavoydably happen, let us be never so carefull, though we may say fewer now than ever.

[The Quit] Rents

92. In answer to your 107th. Paragraph concerning the Quit Rents, our rent roll is now always settled in the manner proposd, and the blank left in the Consultations was the Sec^{rys}. omission totall always to be found in the list of revenues and generall books there have been no dificiencys since your President arrivd, but [on] the contrary a large sum of money recover'd that was in Arrears, and of so long a standing that no body in your service could tell [us] exactly when, or how it hapned.

Directions concerng. enters. the payment [of] the Revenues shall be com-[plied]-with.

93. The directions, in your 108th and 109th paragraphs for entring the payment of your Revenues shall be comply'd with hereafter, the Method we have hitherto gone in, being w^{t}. yo^{r}. Pres[ident] found establish'd in former times, and never till now complaind of, Our accomptant & Secretary have it always in charge to give notice when any persons are backward in payment, and your Presid^{t}. is never without a private Memorandum of his own which method if kept up in future, there can be no such losses as you are pleas'd to mention.

How the Farmers of the Revenues make their [pay]ments.

94. In answer to your 110th. paragraph the several Farmers of your Revenues make their payments according [to the] tenor of their cowles, and till they are expird, We can wth. Justice make no alteration, the Town Brokers being so small a sum and [being] a very sure man, there is no danger of him, nor of those that ren[t] your Villages who are your Joint stock Merchants, the Quit Rent and Scavengers Dutys are alway collecting & hardly ever compleated at the expiration of the year so that it is not practical to put it into any other method than what we now use.

relat^{g}. to the duty upon Toddy.

95. That part of your 111th. Paragraph relating to the Duty upon Toddy has been already answer'd, and there was no report made of the shops being built in the place where the buffaloe houses stood, because the more necessary buildings here and at Fort S^{t}. David employ'd all our workemen, but we shall now set about it, and there will be a profit to your revenues thereby, but it is impossible for us to say how much till we see how they lett.

touching the Revennes of Fort St. David.

96. In answer to your 112th. paragraph touching the Revenues of Fort S^{t}. David our last years letters will convince your Hon^{rs}. that nothing was done towards improvement in [M^{r}.] Raworths time, and that our earnestness upon that subject was not at all agreeable to him, particularly when [thô wrote to would have

let out the bounds, anno 1712, for 1000 chuckrums less than was] done and finding us determin'd to insist he got an Addition of One Thousand Chuckrums more, but then the year following 1713, for avoiding further debates with us, and for other reasons best known to himself, he unwarrantably let them with [out] giving us any manner of notice, till we were advisd thereof two months after by other hands.

97. We are not unmindfull of the beneficiall Article of Toddy trees mention'd in M^r^. Benyons narrative, there are few or none of them that yett give Toddy, but as soon [as] they do, we shall be carefull to raise the rent of the bounds accordingly, the Water courses and the Mold of Trevendaporum ha[ve] been well repaird since the Warr, and we may hope to improve now we have Subordinates that will follow our Orders.

[of] the Toddy trees at ffort St. David.

98. It was easie for them to write from Fort S^t^. David that the Towns and Villages were rebuilt, and repeopled, and that trade would soon flourish as much as usuall, but your Presid^t^. and those that accompany'd him found it quite otherwise when he was there, there being not half the usuall number of Inhabitants, and the Mart of Trepopolore, formerly very considerable, now entirely lost, nor can we expect it will be the sooner recover'd, by the Country peoples seeing us at warrs among ourselves, and the Fort firing at and bombing the Town of Cuddalore, but this is too mellancholly a subject to enlarge upon.

[Concern^g^] ye fft. St. D. gentlemen writg. yt. y^e^. Towns were rebuilt & [re]-peopled.

99. As for the large discoverys mention'd by the Gentlemen of Fort S^t^. David in their letter by the Howland we observe them well in the copy w^ch^. they sent us, and were continually pressing them to recover the money, but to no purpose, the Houses & debts belonging to Chevanaigue Redd[i] &c^a^. Renters were sold, and yielded no more than Pagodas One hundred and twenty, and as for the more considerable affa[irs] of Tonapa Chittee &c^a^. which they pretended would bring y[ou] in above six thousand Pagodas, which was what we had—[*a few words lost*] ℔ the Dartmouth, it was [. . .] nothing could be recover'd in M^r^. Raworths time, and tis plain he never designd any advantage should accrue to your Hon^rs^. thereby it is a very troublesome affair and M^r^. Fredri[ck] with his Councill have been long employ'd in examining Accounts, of w^ch^. we have lately receiv'd a Report, and have it [now] under examination, not doubting but to give you a good Ac[count] thereof by our January ships.

[ye] large discoveries ment: [in ye lre. from] fft. St. D. by y Howland.

100. Pursuant to your Order in the 113^th^ Paragraph your President has paid into Cash Pagod^s^. 4934: 19: 68 being what mony we attached in M^r^. Raworths hands belonging to M^r^. Gabriel Roberts w^ch^. sum M^r^. Raworth desir'd may remain in the Presid^ts^. hands who was then his Attorney otherwise it had been now to seek.

M^r^. Roberts mony p^d^. into Cash by y^e^. President.

101. The persons appointed to peruse the books and accounts and make an Estimate of a years expences [of] the Factories of Metchlepatam, and Maddapollam did [make] a Report and it was a great Omission in the Secretary not [to] minute it, we propose to entertain you at large upon that subj[ect] in January when we lay before you the state of Vizagapatam.

Of the Metchlep^m^ & Maddap^m^. factories expences annually.

SIXTHLY TOUCHING FACTORS WRITERS OFFICERS, SOLDIERS AND THEIR ACCOUNTS.

102. We observe the alteration in your Orders fo[r] sending such people home as are dismiss'd your Service [for] ill behaviour, and 'tis our duty to obey, but with submiss[ion] to your better judgment, such as are too disorderly for your service, must make very factious and turbulent Inhabitants [We] take it for granted your Hon^rs^. do not mean to include [the mi]litary in this article.

℔sons yt. are dismiss'd y^e^ service for ill behaviour.

103. Thomas Jenkinson and Charles Mitchell [are] like to prove such usefull hands as we have occasion f[or] and we hope all that come hereafter will have the same qualifications, by the last Ship of the season we propo[se to] lay our strength before you and what supplys we judge may be wanted and a List according to Par^a^. 117 [*a few words lost*] no: 1716 with a List drawn [*About one line lost.*]

Jenkinson & Mitchel Writers [are] like to prove usefull [han]ds.

Mr. Addisons funeral.

104. We observe your Hon^{rs}. just resentment at the extraordinary expence of M^{r}. Addisons funerall being charg'd to your Account, most of the persons concern'd in that mistake are now absent, and what you are pleasd to direct for the future shall be registre'd among your Standing Orders.

the fresh provisions for Mr. Pitts passage.

105. The article of fresh provisions to your former President M^{r}. Pitt for his passage homeward bound, shall be enquir'd into in order to recover the money.

[Conc]ern^{g}: Mat: Empson: debt[def]- rr'd till January.

106. We likewise desire till January to give a full answer to your 121st: Paragraph relating to the debt due from Matthew Empsons Warehouse.

the Essay Master.

107. We have already advised the Death of James Young, Essay Master, and having no proper person to joyn with M^{r}: Maubert, we must make shift untill you please to send us one, he is very capable and diligent, and we shall take sufficient security for him according to your Orders, The Essay Masters taken in here do not reckon themselves, nor are they esteem'd by us, as covenanted servants, but tis convenient they should be appointed to take place in some degree or other, concerning which we request your directions, and now we are upon this Subject, we cannot in Justice omitt acquainting your Hon^{rs}: that M^{r}: Maubert is a very sober and capable man fit to serve you in any branch of your business, and desireous of advancing himself in your Service, if you think fit to admit him under Covenants.

[Con]cern^{s}: M^{r}: Collets silver.

108. We have accquainted your Dep^{y}: Govern^{r}: M^{r}: Collett ℔ the Avarilla with your resolutions concerning his silver that was shipt and lost upon the Jane.

[Henry] Cottrell's Accot: Curr^{t}.

109. M^{r}. Henry Cottrell deceas'd his account Curr^{t}: shall be concluded to come by the January ships, but we fea[r] the ballance is like to be on the wrong side, as he was a bad husband that took no thought for tomorrow, and very littl[e] care of your [affairs entru]sted to him.

110. The 68 Ounces of Bullion of M^{r}: Robert [Cotterals] person, our Import Warehousekeeper according to your Or[ders] dispos'd thereof and paid the value into your Cash as per Consult[ation] of the 26th of August, being pagodas forty eight and nine fa[nams].

111. Mess^{rs}: Horden, Smart, & Cook return your Hon^{rs}: their humble thanks for confirming them in their stations, likewi[se] M^{r}: John Legg for his standing from the time of his arrival at Banjar.

Of ye: Consult^{s}. & Lett^{r}: Books being ill done.

112. The account of salary shall for the future be e[xamined] after the Consultation w^{ch}. appoints it to be pay'd, and we are sorry to f[ind] the Consultations and Copybooks of Letters were no better perform[ed] we shall not trust so much to the Secretary for the future, as every person who writes or examines shall sett his name acc[ord]ing to your directions.

Of ye. 15£s. pd. Capt. Williams out of Mr. Stacys effects.

113. The fifteen pounds paid Cap^{n}: Williams out [of] Capt. Stacy's effects, had no relation to the money paid into your Ca[sh] which was the reason we did not mention it in the Letter, and th[o] Consultation expresses it money remaining in the hands of [his] trustees, we shall never part wth: money out of your Cash here, belonging to deceased persons, after we have advised it being pa[id] in, without your Order for so doing.

Of the Military & their cloathing.

114. We observe your Hon^{rs}: directions in the 137th and 138th paragraph relating to the Military and their clothing, no Officers eat at your Cost here except the Cap^{n}. upon duty who is oblidgd to attend the Govern^{r}. we have always put twenty ℔ cent upon the Cloth made use of for the soldi[ers] clothing, which is what we commonly call prime cost, and [the] same is done upon what sent to Fort S^{t}: David, we may assure you there is no exaction upon the poor men in the Article of Liquors, for there is no Sutler, and they are at full Liberty to [buy] where they find it cheapest, and as to the Article of Cloathing [they] are upon a much better footing than ever, no such abuses being suffer'd as your hon^{rs}: seem to beleive, but the Fort S^{t}: David [Acco^{t}] from

Mr: Raworth to wch: your honrs: are pleased to referr, upon [ex]amination appears not to be fact, for Mr: Baker did not ch[arge] for the cloth [. . .] mentiond [nor] could [Mr: Raworth . . .] cloth the Soldiers in the manner he propos'd for less than double the money, the Cloth itself coming to more than the sum he mentions, and when your Presidt: was down it appear'd upon enquiry that every soldiers clothing stood him in about four Pagodas, the buisness being only taken out of the paymasters hands, and entrusted to the Depy: Governs. Dubash, as for deductions at the pay table they cannot be avoyded, unless you will please to alter the custom of paying when the month is out, for the men must be subsisted upon Creditt, and all we can do is to take care that such deductions are fair and just, no men in the World are better payd than we pay ours, and our ears are always open to their just complaints, but they are generally speaking of such debaucht principles, that nothing but severe discipline, and a power to punish according to the heniousness of the Crime, will keep them from committing such disorders, as we have been oblidg'd to mention in our former Letters.

115. We discharge none of your soldiers till their time is out, nor then neither if we can perswade them to stay, except only such as are drunken and incorrigeable fellows, those you was pleas'd to send us this year are generally speaking able men, and they came ashoar in good condition, but we have had a very sickly season by untimely rains,, and a great mortality has hapned among the new comers, though no care or pains have been wanting to preserve them, the serjeants are very good men and deserve encouragement.

[Concerng] discharging the [. . .] soldiers

116. We shall not fail to give the necessary Orders to Fort St. David for their annuall Lists to be sent home according to your directions in your 146th Paragraph, but we intend by the January shipping to send your Honrs. a compleat List of all your servants Civill, and Military, upon this Coast directly from hence, The Topass Soldiers are at different pay as some men are much more deserving than others, but there were severall alterations of that kind made by Mr. Raworth without our knowledge or consent, which have been since reform'd.

List of the Compas. Servts. [to]th Civil and Military [pr]omis'd in January

117. Thus [. . .] answerd those Paragraphs of [*one line lost*] to accquaint your Honrs. that the Doctors in your ships Aureng[Zebe] and Bouverie were paid their usuall allowance of head mony for soldiers landed here, in Consultation 27th of July, and their receipts come in the packquett No. 21.

the Doctrs. of the Bouverie & Aurs. Zeb have been pd. their usual allowe. of head mony.

118. Pursuant to your generall Orders for keeping the Councill always full, we have taken in Messrs. John Legg and Josiah Coo[ke] who were the Two Senr. servts. upon the List, and this has occasiond several other removes as you may please to observe in our Consultations of the 29th of July, and 9th of August we must not omitt to take notice of Mr. William Nannys care and diligence in the storekeepers em[ploy] as provisionall which has encouraged us to make him receiver of the Sea Customs, an Office of the greatest trust under this Board and we cannot doubt but he will discharge it faithfully.

Messrs. Legg & Josh Cooke taken into Councill & Wm. Nanney made Receivr. of the Sea Customs.

119. On the 10th of August last died Mr. Edward Bulk[ley] much regretted by everybody here as having been a very good usefull inhabitant and a charitable man.

Mr. Edwd. Bulkley died the 10th of August much regretted.

120. There came out a Chest of necessarys for Fra[ncis] Bernard a Writer deceased, which the paymaster was order'd to dispose of at Publick outcry, and the net produce, being Pags. 33. [11 Fs.] thirty three and eleven fanams is paid into your Cash, vide Consultation of the 20th of September last.

the Pduce of a Chest of necessarys yt. came out for Frag Barnard writer deceas'd paid into Cash.

Sevll. paragbs. undr. ye 7th. head ansd. under this.

121. In the next place we begg leave to answer those paragraphs under the 7th head that fall in were properly under th[em] as relating to your servants and their accounts.

of ye. getting proper Commission for trying of Criminals.

122. It is no small satisfaction to us and to all your Inhabitants under this Presidency to find that your honrs. ha[ve] been pleas'd to consider of proper comissions for trying Criminals what we had occasion to write last year, and particularly touching the Inhuman murder committed by serjeant Murrey at Fort St. David, we dare beleive will help to convince you that the necessity [is] greater than ever.

Mr. Collets Acct Currt. is [sta]ced & ye. balls. pd. into [cash] by his Attornie.

123. Mr. Joseph Colletts Account [Current] is now stated according to yr. directions in your 162d. Paragraph, as will appear [in] our Consultations of the 2d and 5th of August, where the Ballances was [paid by his] Attorney and we have advis'd him [*one line lost*] thereof by the Avarilla, the stores we receiv'd by Ship Jane were dispos'd of apart and a seperate account kept of them by Mr. Benyon till we receiv'd these orders and now we have clos'd the seperate Accot. by carrying what small matter is left unsold to your generall Account of Stores to a reasonable valuation.

[P]ticular care has been taken [to] secure Mr. Raworths balls.

124. In answer to your 163d. paragraph we have taken effectual care as will appear by our last years Letters to secure the ballances due from Mr. Raworth according to the stated Accounts, wch. were done with so much deliberation and exactness that the partys concern'd, had not any thing to object at that time nor have there been any errors found since, only an Omission of Mr. Frederick, the then Accomptant to debt Mr. Raworth for the half of the Joynt Warehouse ballance, wch. has been since rectified and the money paid by Mr. Raworths Attornies, we observe your Honrs determination concerning the ballance due from Raworth and Martin Joynt Warehousekeepers, Viz., that they were equally concern'd in the trust and therefore are equally liable to account for whatever they had in charge, accordingly we shall debt Mr. Martin for his half and give your Honrs: an exact state of his Account by the January Ships, you are pleas'd to order in the next place, that the bond wch. Tonapa gave Mr. Martin for a sum certain (which said Tonapa was indebted to the warehouse when singly under Mr. Martins Charge) shall be first dischargd out of what effects of Tonapas we can lay our hands on, but then in the 167th Paragraph you are again pleas'd to direct that we interpose our Authority heartily to lay hands on whatever we can belonging to Tonapa, and to let Mr. Raworth have the same for so far as will satisfye so much of the Embe[zle]ments as can be prov'd upon him, these orders are distinct and with submission cannot both be comply'd with, unless Tonapa had wherewithall to discharge both, nor do we know which of the Two to prefer, and therefore whatever we are so happy to lay our hands on shall be paid into your Cash, and you may please to order the dispo[sall] thereof as you shall judge most [*one line lost*] debt upon your books for broad cloth &ca of wch. we gave an Account in our 173d Paragraph by the Dartmouth, which by his own confess[ion] was for goods intrusted him with under Raworth and Martin Warehousekeepers, as also how far he is liable to make good Empso[n's] ballance by what we wrote your Honrs under the head of Accounts [per] ship Howland, and the Report relating thereto, and further Mr. Raworth being so considerably indebted to your Cash in Fort St. Da[vid] alters ye. Case from what it was when your last orders were [given] so that upon the whole we know not what to do better than to [pray for] your further directions.

No directs given relatg to wt. ye Joynt stock Merchts stand indebted upon ye Books

125. Here we cannot but observe that you have been pleas'd [not] to give us any directions upon the Report enter[ed in] consultation the 2d of February $17\frac{2}{13}$ refer'd to in our 36th p[ara]graph ℔ the Howland, so that your old Joynt stock Merchants remain still indebted upon your generall books by the false adjustment made by Mr Richard Hunt and Tonapa the Co[ni]coply, as fully sett forth in the forementiond Report.

126. We shall be very carefull for the future not [to] permitt any persons to come home till all accounts depending [with] your Hon[rs] are first adjusted, and the ballance paid, nor had w[ee] transgress'd this Rule in the case of M[r]. Martin, but that he submitted to leave us what he had in these parts sufficient to an[swer] his ballance as sole Warehousekeeper, if upon his Appeal you should condemn him to make it good, and gave us his bond to a[bide] by your judgment and determination for his half part of the ballance due from him and M[r]. Raworth as joynt warehousekeepers, and when we considered these conditions as sett forth [in] the Obligation, he gave us, a duplicate of which you had in [ship] Darbys packquett, we could not imagine nor foresee any of those difficultys you are pleas'd to mention in the close of your [163rd] Paragraph, as he had firmly and voluntarylie tied himself up [to] abide by your determination, without scruple or wager at [Law] however if we have err'd we humbly ask pardon and promise [to do] so no more.

for future no ℔sons shall be ℔mitted to go home till all Accots depends. wth you are adjusted.

Reasons why Mr. Martin was ℔mitted to go home.

127. [Apprehend by the Par[as]. 150 and 163] where you order Tonnapas Bond to M[r]. Martin to be first discharg'd that M[r]. Martin stands condemn'd to make good his ballance in Case Tonnipa is not able but we could wish that affair had been as particularly mention'd as the other Ballance due from M[r]. Raworth singly, and from Raworth and Martin Joynt Warehousekeepers, because M[r]. Martin has wrote his Attornie that the case is referr'd back to us and as the Condition of his bond is to make good the ballances therein mention'd in case your Hon[rs]. should so determine, consequently your determination is the only security his Attornie has for paying the money into your Cash, M[r]. Martin having given no other Orders about it.

Tonapas bond to Mr. Martin being first [dis]charg'd.

128. We hope the necessity we lay under of letting M[r]. Raworth goe to Pondicherry which was fully sett forth in our last years letters to be the only way we had to save and re-establish the settlement of Fort S[t]. David, will prevail w[th]. yo[r]. Hon[rs]. to excuse that breach of your Standing order, the case was very extraordinary, and attended with such circumstances that we were forc'd to goe out of the common Road and submitt to treat w[th]. a person whose duty it was to obey us, rather than run the hazard of loosing all by driving him to despair, we heartily wish his behaviour would have permitted us to wait the arrivall of this years Shipping, but that was impossible without letting him run further in your debt, and supplying him w[th]. money to be dispos'd of as he thought convenient, however the just resentments which you are pleas'd to express in dissmissing him your service for the embezlements of the warehouse, will undoubtedly have that good effect as to deter others from giving way to the same temptation.

Letting Mr. Raworth go [to] Pondicherri.

129. For answer to your 167[th] Paragraph we beg leave to referr you to what wrote by the shipping of last season touching M[r]. Raworths Accounts and Tonnapas effects, [Wee] are not unacquainted with the false and malicious Reports that have been sprea[d in Eng]land by M[r]. Raworths friends and [*a line lost*] us and chiefly by the Presid[t]. that M[r]. Raworth w[th]. difficulty got [him] imprisoned, and that he has very considerable effects w[ch]. could be [come] at if he was not protected, it is no small comfort to us to read that [your] Hon[rs]. do not doubt of our Justice to M[r]. Raworth and our readiness to ass[ist] him, We entreat you to continue in that good opinion of us till you have proof to the contrary, We do assure you (and M[r]. Martin could have testyfied if he pleasd) that Tonapa was under close confinement long [agoe] M[r]. Raworth desir'd it, and that no means were left unessay'd for discovering his effects, M[r]. Davenport and others that are come h[ome] will fully inform your Hon[rs]. of the same, He still continues [in] close prison, and we are sorry to accquaint you that by Letters rece[ived] from Manilha this year, We are credibly inform'd that the supra [cargoes] of the ship he sent thither on his own Account have play'd and squandred away all the effects, and the ship lies under Water [in a] condition not fit to be repair'd, Our chiefest dependance was up[on] this Article, His houses and what found in them here have been [ful]ly dispos'd of at publick Sale, and the amount thereof paid into [y[r].] Cash in Consulta-

Concerns Mr. Raworths Accots. & Tonapas effects.

tion of the 5th of August, and in January we prop[ose] to send you a full account of all we have been able to discover.

Mr. Davenport bee. gone for England Mr. Fredk. rems at fft. St. David.

130. Mr. Henry Davenport being gone for Engla[nd] Mr. Frederick continues in course at Fort St. Davids till your further Orders, but we beg leave to lay before your Honrs. that in case Mr. Davenport had continued in India the succession [to] this Presidency would have been disputable between him and Mr. Frederick, the former being appointed to succeed Mr. Raworth as Depufy Governr. of Fort St. David, and only orderd to take place as Depy. Governr. if at any time he should be at M[a]drass, and as it has never been a Rule here that the Depy. Governr. [of] Fort St. David should always be second of the standing Co[uncil] Mr. Frederick would have insisted upon Mr. Davenports [not] being nominated second, and consequently have claimd th[e] right of succession as settled in the last comission wch. your [Presdt.] brought with him, we only take the Liberty to hint thus mu[ch] that there may [be] no room for any disputes hereafter [which will] be attended wth. very ill consequences, likewise [. . .] Mr. Jennings has more than once represented to us that it does not appear by your Orders that he looses his standing in this councill by being order'd to Vizagapatam but we cannot construe the Order otherwise than that Mr. Hastings is to supercede him, though we are at a loss to determine whither you intend Mr. Jennings should hold his standing next to Mr. Hastings or that by being order'd to Vizagapatam he shall no longer be lookd upon as a member of this board the difficulty arises chiefly from the want of a Precedent as no member of this Councill has been sent to Vizagapatam before.

Emmerson sent 3d of [Cou]ncil to Vizagapatam

131. With Mr. Jennings we have sent Mr. John Emmerson a sober diligent young man as third in Council and expect Mr. Hastings here in very few days overland.

[of] a gratuity to Lieutt Roach

132. We observe your Honrs. Orders in relation to Lieutenant Roach and shall consider a proper gratuity for him at Leisure.

Messrs. Bennett and Houghtons Factors Covenants come in packet.

133. Pursuant to your Orders we send in the packett No. 25 Messrs. Bennett & Houghtons ffactors covenants and additionall Security bonds sign'd the other persons being at Vizagapatam, we shall forward their Indentures thither and send ym. your Honrs. in January.

Seventhly Touching Accounts.

[Due] regard shall be paid to all Lrs. We receive from yor. [Accompt] General.

134. When we receive any Letters from your Accomptant generall approved by the Comittee of Accounts wee shall pay due regard thereto according to your Order, but this year we have not been favourd wth. any.

Matchlepatam debt.

135. What we wrote by the last years shipping and by the Frederick in July we hope will prove satisfactory answers to your 149th paragraph, touching the Matchlepam debt.

[Ware]house Accots.

136. It is a great comfort to us to find our proceedings in relation to the Warehouse Accounts so fully approved by your Honrs. [as in 150th] paragraph of your Letter now before us, We could never imagine otherwise than the Warehousekeeper ought to be responsible for every thing en[trusted] to his care, and the two Gentlemen censur'd never pretended to d[is]pute it here, thô their friends have done it for them in England nay Mr. Martin particularly sett his hand without any scruple to the condemnation of Mr. Raworth, which we thought [wd.] have prevented him giving your Honrs. any further trouble about his ballance as sole Warehousekeeper, your Ultimate Resolution as express'd in the forementiond Paragraph be put in a frame and hung up in the Secretarys and Ac[comp]tants Offices that no person may pretend Ignorance and shall always Repeat it to every new Warehousekeeper before he enters upon that employ.

In what manner ye. manifacts. and goods are

137. The methods your Honrs. are pleas'd to propose in your 151st Paragraph of mentioning upon our Consultation (when the money is paid in) the sorts and quantities of goods and to whom, also whether the payment is in part or in full

not practicable as to the retailing part of the Warehouse [articles] there are so many buyers and for such trifling Articles, [that the] bulk of your Manufactures are sold to the Joynt stock Merchants and the Amount is carried to their Acc^{t}. Currant being adjusted monthly wth the Warehousekeeper and annu[ally] with the Accomptant upon the Close of our books there [can be] no better provision made, and lastly as to the bullion we f[ind the] method we are in to answer very fully the end propos'd, by expr[essing] the quantity sold and how the payments are made, in part, or in [whole] besides we never suffer the ballance to lie out longer than the months account is read after the silver is sold on any [pre]tence, having found by experience that all the abuses of [last] years were introduc'd and carry'd on by delays, and by depart[ing] from all regular and established Methods, the better to [prevent] their unjustifiable actions from being discover'd.

dispos'd of by the Warehousekeeper.

138. We shall endeavour to give your Hon^{rs}. the [satis]faction you desire by drawing up fuller abstracts of the storekeepers, Acco^{ts}. and when we do it is always mention'd for what use, if all the particulars of his disbursments were to be mention'd in the Acco^{t}. Currant, it would be a very long one and only a Repetition of what may be found upon the generall books, as for the Timber and plank the storekeeper buys & Issues it to the paymaster as there is occasion for it in Buildings or Repairs.

Draws ye. Abstracts of our [Warehouse] keepers accots.

138. [*Sic*] Your President thinks himself very happy in your approval of his endeavours to moderate the Fort S^{t}. David expences in your 154th paragraph, though they did not meet wth. the success that might reasonably be expected, but on the contrary laid the foundation of all the plague and trouble, that has since hapned, and of all the mallicious false Reports, that have been spread abroad to blacken us as if we had acted upon principles of prejudice and Revenge, when we were only doing our Duty according to our Oaths and Covenants.

moderats. ye. fft. St. D. expences

139. The severall accounts of Remains upon changing hands in any of the offices shall hereafter be entered in a book kept for that purpose according to the directions in your 155th paragraph, and we will also enter those we have now by us in loose papers, that there may be no danger of their being lost or mislaid.

Accots. of Rems. upon chang. [hands] to be enter'd in a book for y^{t}. purpose.

140. We have wrote so fully in our last years Letters touching the Garden house at Fort S^{t}. David and the unwarrantable squandering large sums of money thereon, that we have nothing now to add in Answer to your 156th paragraph, but that we are of opinion if your Fort S^{t}. David Councill were able they ought in justice and equity to be accountable for sitting tamely still whilst all that money was lavisht by the D. Gov^{rs}. arbitrary proceeding, without ever letting us know what he was doing, till it was too late to prevent it.

[Concernin]g the Garden house [at fort] St. David.

141. Mess^{rs}. Thomas Cooke and John Legg have pursuant to your Order in the 154th paragraph paid into your Cash in [two] thousand three hundred twenty three Pagodas, eighteen fanams and twenty Nine Cash, [out of] the Estate of Richard Smith deceas'd, and when the Account be adjusted w^{ch}. they hope will be before this year is expir'd, they promise to pay in the Remainder, w^{ch}. will be no considerable [Sum] It may be necessary to accquaint your Hon^{rs}. that the Husband [of] M^{rs}. Mary Feilds, wrote the trustees to keep the money in th[eir] hands till further Orders contrary to his, they hope you [will be] pleas'd to take effectuall care that they may come into no trou[ble] with the husband hereafter.

[Amt pd by] Messrs. Cooke & [out Legg]

142. Augua Pera Calender has paid the Ten ℔ Cent permission and Custom on the Corrall mention'd in your 16th [para]graph thô it will not appear upon the Cash book, because the [usual] course here is for freight & Custom to pass thrô the Sea custom^{r}. Receivers hands, but it will appear in the register and Sea Custom Account for the month of August, the whole Sum amounting [to] Four hundred and two Pagodas, and we shall take the best care [we] can that the returns of the said Corrall are not made upon the Shipping for Europe.

Aga Pera has pd. ye. ten ℔ Ct. on his coral accords to ordr.

The Bulliond^{d} as order'd

143. The several parcells of Bullion mention'd in the [168th] paragraph are deliver'd to the persons therein mention'd, or to their Order.

[Concerng] Serrapas debt

144. The rest of the paragraphs under this head being a [lready] answer'd under the foregoing, We are now to accquaint your Hon^{rs}. [that] we thought it high time to call upon Surrapa for his large debt sta[nding] out upon your books ever since he was at the head of your Joint Stock Merchants, The mortgage bond of houses and Gardens w^{ch}. he form[erly] gave for the said debt, not being sufficient to answer for its running on longer at Interest, pleas'd to be referr'd to our Consultations of [the] 5th and 11th of May the 11th of June and 6th. of July for our transactions [in] relation to this affair.

Do. continued.

145. We shall wait till this Ship is gone in [. . .] pay in all or some part of the debt, for having been [. . .] we are unwilling to strip him of his house, but if [. . . we must be] [*a few words lost*].

[. . .]

146. M^{r}. Deltion formerly of Acheen died Anno 1712 in Pegue without any will, What found in his possession at the time of his death was accounted for by Cap^{n}. Roger Allanson and the ballance at his request rec'd into your Cash in Consultation the 13th Ult^{o}. being Seaven hundred forty four Pago^{s}. seaven fanams and fourty Cash which we think necessary to advise your Hon^{rs} of In case the Cred^{rs}. in Europe should apply themselves to you we doe not know of any other effects belonging to him and it is beleiv'd he lost most of what he was [worth] when he fled from Acheen to save his Life.

[Genel.] books promis'd in [Janu]ary.

147. Our Generall books could not be ballanc'd & Copied to come by this ship, M^{r}. Benyon has the care of them at present, and that they may be thoroughly examin'd we beg your patience till January.

[News] of St. Georgees arr^{ll}.

148. This Letter was carrying on to come by your ship Aurengzeb that will be dispatch't early in the next month, when on a sudden the Supra Cargoe of this ship Joseph took a resolution to sett sail for Europe some days sooner than we expected, wherefore we have only time to add, that your ship S^{t}. George Captain Sam^{ll} Goodman anchor'd here on the 16th. Inst wth. only two butts of Water and very short of provisions, not having touch'd any where but at S^{t}. Jago, we supplied him as speedily as wind and weather would permitt, took ashoar the sick soldiers, and put aboard well men in their places, and on the 20th. in the morning he went forward for Bengall. We are wth. all respect

Honourable
Your most faithfull and Obd^{t}.
humble Serv^{ts}.

Fort S^{t}. George
[2]9th Sept^{r}. 1714.

Ed^{wd}. Harrison.
Bern^{d}. Benyon.
William Warre.
Rich^{d}. Horden.
J^{s}. Smart.
Tho^{s}. Cooke.
John Legg.
Jos^{a}. Cooke.

General Letter to the Company dated October 9, 1714, [*Public Despatches to England, Vol. 4, pp. 55—63*].

To the Honourable the Court of Directors for affairs of the R^{t}. Hono^{ble}. United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies

Honourable

℔ Aurg : Zeb.

1. The foregoing is a Duplicate of w^{t}. we had [the] honour to write you by the separate Ship Joseph that saild he[nce] on the 29th. Ult^{o}:

FIRST CONCERNING SHIPPING SENT OUT AND [RETURNED]

2. The foremention'd Ship arriv'd here from Moco on [the] 28th. of August about two thirds loaden wth. Coffee, wch. they bought very cheap by reason no other Ships were there, except the [Dutch] the remainder of her Cargoe is in goods of this Coast purchased [by the Supra Cargo at] Saddrass and thereabouts, which we have reason to beleive [are] dearer than ordinary, and not so good as they should be, One of the Supra Cargoes stay'd behind to provide them. Of the Josephs arrival @ Moco & wt. her Cargo consists of.

3. Two French ships of about forty Guns each [have] arriv'd this year at Pondicherry from St: Malœs one of th[em] is gone down to Bengall to Invest part of the Stock, after [having] put ashoar about Sixty Thousand Pagodas in Silver and Clo[th] to be invested in the goods of this coast, the other ship sail[ed] this time for Moco to purchase Coffee and likewi[se leaves] part of her Stock to be invested at Pondic[herry . . .] to return and take it aboard in July next. She left the Catherine and at Thistleworth at Johanna in August bound to Bombay, where they may arrive early in September, the Capn. reports that Capn. Godfrey and his Chief Mate were dead, We send your Honrs. a small Letter receiv'd by this French Ship from Johanna in the Packett N°: 6. Of y arrival of two ffrench ships & their intentions.

4. By fresh advices from Batavia we learn that the Borneo and Eagle Gally were gone forward to Benjar with some hopes of Success, which we heartily wish them, fearing there will not be pepper enough on the West Coast in case of a disapointment. of the Borneo Gallys being arriv'd at Batavia & gone forward to Benjarr.

5. Two large French Ships are ready to sail about this time from Pondicherry to France, as near as we can learn they have about twelve hundred bales aboard both ships, much the greatest part in fine Long Cloth, Salampores and Betteelaes, they had likewise a good quantity of Pepper, wch. we could have had at a Cheaper rate than they pay for it were not our hands tied up by your old standing Orders, the greatest part of their Kintlage is Ballast they brought with them, and all things considered we cannot beleive they will be encourag'd by the success of their present Negotiation to continue the trade, they are forced to leave a considerable part of their stock behind to avoid the risque of the Monsoon. Two ffrench ships are ready to sail for France wth abot. 1200[b]ales.

6. By late Letters from the Bay your President and Councill advise Us that they intend the Hannover hither in November with part of her Cargoe, We send your Honrs. herewith a Packett lately rec'd from them wch. undoubtedly gives an Account of all Occurrences, and therefore we need not trouble you with a repetition, they have sent us your Vessel called the Mary Buoyer loaden with Saltpetre and packing Stuff, and we immediately return'd her to them with Lead, which they write bears a good price in Bengall at present. [Ye] Bay Gentlemen advise they [s]end the Hannover hither in [N]ovr.

7. Our Yatch Maddapollam arriv'd here from Vizagapatam the 4th: Instant fully loaden and brings Us news of [Mr.] Jennings Arrivall there, that Mr. Hastings is upon his way [to Eng]land, and that the Desbouverie sailed from thence to [*a line lost*].

8. Captain Luhorn requests fifty baggs more of Salt Petre to ma[ke] up his Kintlage, it was granted him in Consultation of the 16th Ult: and his Originall request comes in the Packett N°. (18.) [Capt] Luhorne requestg. salt Petre.

SECONDLY OF GOODS FROM EUROPE.

9. We can add nothing more under this head than that we have hopes in few days to prevail with our Joynt stock Merchants to ease us of good part of the Broad Cloth at the same Prices as they gave last year, and we have dispos'd of the greate[st] part of the Bullion at 15½ Dollers for Ten Pagodas as you may please to Observe upon our Consultations of the 12th of Augu[st] and 13th We hope our Merchts will be prevail'd wth to take off the Broad Cloth.

Ult°:, and if the Crusudoes cost the same in England as the Dollers your hon^{r} will please to avoid sending any more of them if possible, for they are in reality 4^{dwts}: worse than standard and we are oblidg'd to allow three.

Capn Luhorn pays into Cash 276Pa: 6fa y^{e} adjustm^{t} of dam^{s}. [on] Bd. Cloth.

10. Cap^{n} Lewhorn has paid into Your Cash Two hundred and Seventy Six Pagodas, six fanams the Adjustment of the Damage upon Broad Cloth mention'd in Consultation the 29th of July.

THIRDLY TOUCHING INVESTMENTS IN INDIA OF GOODS PROPER FOR EUROPE.

2 bales of supr^{fine} chints sent [on] y^{s}. ship.

11. We send your hon^{rs} upon this Ship Two bales of Super fine chints done upon very good Cloth, the Painting well perform'd, and of the newest Patterns we could gett agreeable to your Directions, they cost something more than usuall, and we doubt not but they will sell accordingly.

2 ba^{s}. of Madrapuck Beteels. sent.

12. We also send two bales of Madrapuck Betteela[es] the best we could gett, and we hope to send a larger quanti[ty] in January finer than these.

Salampores contracted for [a]t Vizagapatam.

13. Our Letters from Vizag[apatam . . .] that they have contracted for a Large [. . .] which are the proper goods of these [. . .]

FOURTHLY TOUCHING [THE TRADE OF INDIA] IN GENERAL AND THER[IN ANY TRANSACTIONS WTH] THE COUNTRY GOVERNMENT.

The present being arriv'd [at] Patna.

14. Your present for the Mogull is arriv'd at Patna and in all likelihood gone forward from thence before now, we fear the expence will be very considerable, and they are already so much in debt in the bay that they will be puzled to compleat the loading of your ships.

the Gov^{r} of Pondry. has consented[to] pay y^{e} mony plunder'd by Boineau out of y^{e} Jane.

15. The Govern^{r} of Pondicherry has at last accquiesc'd to pay the money w^{ch} was plunder'd out of Our Tonqueen Ship by Mon^{sr}: Boineau, concerning w^{ch} we advis'd you in our Letter by the Frederick.

[a]ll y^{s}. Coast is in Peace.

16. We are all in peace and quietness both here at Fort S^{t}: David and at Vizagapatam.

FIFTHLY TOUCHING FORTIFICATIONS BUILDINGS REPAIRS AND REVENUES.

List of the ffarms for one year & Revenues for 16^{mos}: [s]ent.

17. We send your Hon^{rs} in the packett N°. (16.) a List of your farms for one year and revenues for sixteen months ending the last of August, w^{ch} amount to pagodas ninety Thousand Eight hundred and twelve, One Cash and may serve, convince you how little foundation there was for the reports that were industriously spread as if the Trade of this place was in a very declining Condition for want of due encouragement from Us, Losses we have had but not considerable enough to deterr us from endeavouring to retreive them, when we came to draw the fore mention' d list we found it impracticable to insert all the ℔ticulars mention'd in your 103^{d} paragraph, wherefore we choose to incert them here, though all these duties were originally settled by your Order from England, the duty of Anchorage is 9 pag^{ds} for all Europe Ships of 200 Tonns and upward, and for all under 200 Tons 6 pag^{s}:, for all Country Ships of 100 Tons and upward [. . .] pagodas, and for all under 100 Tons 3 pagodas, for all sloops [&] Ketches 3 pag^{ds}:, for all great boats 1 pag, for all small boats [. . .] The duty of Tonnage is one Rupee ℔ Ton for all ships [. . .] passes, but the Gentlemen in Bengall oblidge [. . .]gain, thô they t[a]ke a Certificate from hence, it is less trouble for us to let them take the Duty in the bay than to be always repaying the money here, the Custom on grain has always been 5 ℔ Cent *ad valorem* by a positive Order from England, the Rubie Brokerage is 2½ ℔ Cent upon the value of [w^{t}] sold, and for registring of Slaves 8 fa^{s}: ℔ head, and the prop[er] Officers that collect these duties being the sea and Land Customer whose hands are to this Letter, we hope this paragraph will be a satisfactory answer to what your Hon^{rs} requires in the 103^{d} paragraph of your Letter.

SIXTHLY TOUCHING FACTORS WRITERS OFFICERS SOLDIERS AND THEIR ACCOUNTS.

Advice of y^e Wm. & Richards (belong^s. to Messrs. Raworth & Harrison) arrival.

18. There is a Country Vessell call'd the William & Richard alias Ramma Kisnah lately arriv'd Fort S^t; David from a trad[ing] voyage, wherein M^r: Raworth was pretty deeply concern'd but the supercargoe of her one Tho^s: Gerrard who left her at Battavia to goe home passenger upon your ship Susanna, has made [some] foul work w^th the stock that the returns he sent togather w^th the ship being sold at outcry by M^r. Richard Harrison y^t [is] the other half owner, and M^r. Raworth his Attornney, produced no more than about half the principal what comes to M^r. Raworths share will be securd in your Cash, but the Gentleman beforementioned, M^r. Gerrard has run away w^th about twelve hundred Pagodas (as near as we can learn) w^ch his generous patron lent him at Interest, when he himself was under the greatest difficulties to discharge his own Debts, which are unpaid to th[is] day, we hope some means may be found to secure this money w^ch M^r. Gerrard has carried off when he arrives in England.

M^r Bullock suspected to have some mony of M^r. Raworths in his hands.

19. We are further to inform your h[on^rs that we] are very sure M^r. Joseph Bullock has some [money of M^r] R[aw]orths in his hands, but how much we can [not well] affirm to, is an Obligation of Cap^n [. . . Raw]orth for four hundred Pagodas [. . .] 17 2/3 when he knew he could not [. . .] many thousand pago[das . . . .] Father w^ch is all we have been able to discover, though those that were nearest M^r. Raworth are still of Opinion that he sent money home by M^r. Bullock.

M^r ffarmer took his passa. on y^e Somers.

20. We omitted by the Frederick to accquaint your Hon^rs: that M^r. Richard Farmer took his passage upon the Ship Somers, w^th intent as we suppose to excuse himself for all he sett his hand to in M^r. Raworths time under pretence of being afraid to do otherwise, w^ch is all, the Rest of your Fort S^t: David Councill have to say for themselves.

SEVENTHLY TOUCHING ACCOUNTS AND EIGHTHLY TOUCHING THE WEST COAST.

Of the Presidts. arrival from the West Coast wth. the good news of a firm peace in all the Nothern settlements.

21. By the Joseph under the head of Shipping we advis'd the Presidents arrival from the West Coast, and by her we had the good news of a firm peace being made in and about all the northern Settlements, your hon^rs have a full account thereof in their Letter by the Susanna of w^ch they have sent us a Copy, and we dare beleive you will be fully satisfied w^th your Deputy Govern^rs good management in that and all other affairs, and if it pleases God to spare his life the fruits of his labour will soon be manifest in such quantities of pepper as have never yet been sent home from that Coast, The dispatch of the Susanna and the necessary work they had in hand beside the daily coming in of pepper reduced their Cash so low that they were forc'd to hurry away your Ship President hither for a speedy supply although they had according to the liberty we gave them in our Letter by the Fredrick drawn bills upon us for five thousand, five hundred, and eight Pagod^s. twenty four fanams and saventy Cash, for money rec'd of severall persons as appears by their Cash book sent us at the same time, [but] the Avarilla being gone forward before the arrivall of [the Pre]sident with a sufficient supply of treasure we [consider it] more your Interest to send her down to fit in Ben[coolen] w^th a proper Cargoe for the West Coast, whither [. . .] a Condition to do them two years service without further repair.

Of the soldrs. sent out upon the Avarilla for y^e West Coast.

22. Of the 24 Soldiers sent out upon the Avarilla for the West Coast six deserted before the ship left England, two died, and three were left sick in our Hospitall, wherefore we added Seaventeen good men of our own to make up the No. 30, which we[re] as many as we thought safe to venture upon such a ship, as the times goe.

Of the Buildings on y^e West Coast.

23. Your building upon the West Coast cannot have been represented in a worse condition than they really are, We had pursuant to your orders

wrote them by the Avarilla to send us by the first conveyance a Plan of what they propose to do at the Carang, which indeed they ought to have sent by the Fr[ed]rick, at the same time that they sent it your hon^{rs}. by the Abing[don] by w^{ch}. a great deal of time would have been saved, We have not at present any proper experienc'd person to send them to direct and over look the work while it is doing, and we really beleive there is no person better qualified in those parts than the Dep^{y}. Govern[or] himself, but we have Order'd distinct accounts to be kept of ea[ch] building, and transmitted us soon as it is compleated, the Car[ang] is undoubtedly the only proper place for the Warehouses and eve[ry]thing else, and nobody that has seen the West Coast but wondred what reason could be given for not building there at first. We have sent them the prizes of Timber from hence, but have wrote at the same time that we are sure they may be better and cheaper supply'd from Java, reminding them to try w^{t}. can be done upon their own Coast, which is full of Wood and will save a great deal of Charge, if it can be fell'd near the Waterside.

We are well assur'd of the Depty. Govern^{rs}. good husbandry.

24. We are very well assur'd that [the Deputy] Govern^{r}. will not lay out any money but [. . . .] for your service, that he will take ca[re . . .] perform'd, and wth. the greatest fr[. . .] . fictitious articles to be concea[led . . .] ever we shall take care to [*one line lost*] to him, that things may not return into their former channell for that is all the danger that we apprehend at Present and therefore hope you will think of some proper persons in England for indeed they are very scarce here.

Of the Madagascar slaves.

25. We shall be sure to give the necessary directions for the employing the Madagascar slaves when they arrive to the best advantage, and particularly in managing the boats thô we apprehend there may be some danger of their running away when they come to be well accquainted wth. the Country, and have learn'd how to manage those boats wth. a sail, we are sensible the Article of boat hire is very expensive, and no stone shall be left unturn'd to reduce it, We are well assur'd your Dep^{y}. Govern^{r}. will doe his part and we will not fail on ours to Assist him.

of engrosse. ye salt & othr. provi-) sions not beg. found [fa]ult wth. by us.

26. In the 98th paragraph of your Letter your Hon^{rs}. are pleas'd to accuse us of omitting in our Instructions to M^{r}. Collet dated 16th of June, to reprimand the Gentlemen of the West Coast for engrossing the salt and thereby raising the price of provisions, althô Cap^{n}: Blow had inform'd us in consultation, if this was fact we should be greatly to blame, be pleas'd to Order our Letter by ship President dated 10th April 1712 to be perus'd, when you will find a severe reprimand for this abuse w^{ch}. was wrote immediatly upon Cap^{n}. Blows information, We likewise discoursd M^{r}. Collett when he was here upon the same Subject in Councill where he us'd always to be present when the West Coast affairs where in debate, and though we gave him severe injunctions verbally to prevent such practices for the future as well as a Copy of what wrote by the Presid^{t}: yet we though[t] it necessary to reprimand them again in our 87th paragraph of our Instructions to him under the 16th of June, w^{ch}. was all we could do since those persons [that] had been guilty were dead in very bad Circumstances, and [hearing] no Complaint of this nature since Mr. Collets arrivall.

[27]. The West coast Letter you are pleas'd to mention [in the 99th par]agraph, to have been omitted did not arrive Us [. . .] before the Mary said and the Reason why we did not get it copied to be sent you in the hurry we were in of that Ships dispatch, was because in a Copy they sent us of what wrote your Hon^{rs}. by the Toddington we observ'd in a manner the same Contents. We hope to receive fresh Letters from York Fort by one of our Ships daily expected from Battavia, and if they contain anything of moment we shall not fail to lay it before you in our January Letter.

Supplement.

Sevll. goods put aboard for St. Helena.

28. We have put aboard this Ship for the use of S^{t}: Helena Six bales containing nine Corge Long Cloth Batavia Arra[ck] three Leaguers and fourteen baggs of bengall Sugar as ℔ Duplica[te] of the Invoyce that comes in the

Packett N°: (35) and we have sent them Two bottles of the Arrack sealed up that they may see tis not abus'd aboard the ship.

29. The List of what goods Cap^{n}. Nicholas Luhorne has reg[is]tred at this place comes in the packett N°. 38. List of goods registr'd by Capt. Luhorne inclos'd.

30. We have laden upon this Ship 1325 bales and [1650] baggs of Salt petre amounting to pag^{s}: 82578: 24: 69 according to Invoyce in the packett N°: 4 which, we wish may arrive your Hon^{rs}. in safety and are wth. the greatest respect. 1325^{ba}. laden on y^{s}. ship also 1650 bags of salt Petre.

Honourable.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
OCTO^{R} the 9TH 1714.

Your most faithfull and Obed^{t}. humble Servants.

E.H.
B.B.
W.W.
R.H.
J.S.
T.[C.]
J.[L.]

GENERAL LETTER TO THE COMPANY DATED OCTOBER 10, 1714. [*Public Despatches to England, Vol. 4, p. 64.*]

TO THE HONOURABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS
FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^{T}. HONOURABLE UNITED COMPANY
OF MERCHANTS OF ENGLAND TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES

℔ FREDERICK.

Honourable

Since we clos'd our Letter of Yesterdays date we have been oblig'd to put Henery: Heardson on board this ship who is one of the Soldiers that came out upon her and has already deserted twice carrying other people wth. him, beside severall other Misdemeanours for which he has been severely punish'd but proves incorrigible, and we have a pretty good account from his Companions that he has formerly practisd the highway in England, and made his brags during the voyage that he was one of them that robb'd the Portsmouth Waggon and kill'd the Waggoner, He is of no use to us here but to corrupt the rest of the Garrison, for w^{ch}. reason we have shipt him off and order'd that he may work for his passage we are most respectfully Henry Heardson a soldier [sent] home.

Honourable.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
OCTO^{R}. y^{e} 10TH 1714.

Your most faithfull and Obed^{t}: humble Serv^{s}.

E.H.
B.B.
W.W.
R.H.
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J.C.

GENERAL LETTER TO ST. HELENA, DATED OCTOBER 10, 1714. [*Public Despatches to England, Vol. 4, p. 65.*]

To the Worshipfull the Govern^{R}.
and Council of S^{T}. Helena.

Worshipfull S^{R}: &c.

We have in Obedience to the Right Hono^{ble}. Compa^{s}. Orders put aboard this ship AurengZeb six bales of Ordinary Lo: Cloth three Leagers of Batavia Arrack, and 14 baggs of Bengall sugar as ℔ Invoyce and bill of Loading inclos'd, we send you two seal'd [bottles] of the Arrack for a Muster that you may see it is not abus'd [aboard] the ship We wish you Success and are

Fort S^{T}. George
10TH Oct^{R}. 1714.

Worsp^{ll}. S^{rs}: &c.
Your very humble Serv^{s}.
E.H.
B.B.
W.W.
R.H.
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GENERAL LETTER TO CAPT^{N}. NICHOLAS, DATED OCTOBER 10, 1714. [*Public Despatches to England, Vol. 4, pp. 65-66.*]

To Cap. Nicholas Luhorne
Commander of Ship AurengZeb

Your Ship being fully Laden you a[re] hereby Order'd to repair on board and wth: the first Oppertunity of Wind and Weather to proceed and make the [best of your] way for the port of London and whatever [Port of] Brittain you arrive first at We order [you to send away yo^{r}] Purser with our Packett deliverd [you in a Box marked A] directed to y^{e}: Hon^{ble}: the Court of [Directors for affairs of the] R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: united Company [of Merchants of England trading] to y^{e} East Indies to whom [your Ship goes consign'd].

We [likewise deliver you a] Packet Letter B which you are to forward by post or Express immediatly upon your Arrivall in any port of Europe where Conveyance can be had, taking care to write yourself to the Hon^{ble}: Directors with an Account of what has hapned materiall in your Voyage that they may have no cause to complain as formerly want of advices, when at the same time our Packett has been detained aboard.

If any unforeseen Accident should Oblidge you to put for Mauritius you must avoid the North-west Harbour and Carpenters bay for fear of pyrates and make for the S^{o}: East harbour where the Dutch formerly had a settlement.

You are require'd to touch only at S^{t}: Helena in your way home for refreshment where you must bring your Ship to an anchor before you come open wth: Chappell Valley near Mundens point if you don't meet wth: good anchor hold sooner from whence you must send your boat ashoar to give the Govern^{r}: intelligence who you are because he has Orders to fire at any strange ship that endeavours to pass that point before he knows what they are and whence they come, and we do not yet know wether those Orders are Countermanded since the Peace.

We strictly enjoyn you as formerly not to come near any Ship at sea if possible to be avoided, unless you have Secure Signalls before hand concerted so as to know they are of your Companions, because there may be Pyrates abroad as formerly.

We wish you a prosperous Voyage and date this in Fort S^{t}. George this 10th. Day of Octo^{r}. 1714.

E.H.
B.B.
W.W.
R.H.
J.S.
T.C.
J.L.
J.C.

LIST OF THE PACKET TO GREAT BRITTAIN ℔ THE AURENGZEB.

N°. 1. Copy of the Gen^{ll}. Lett^{r}. ℔ Joseph dat^{d}. the 29th. Sept^{r}. & ℔ y^{e}. ship of the 9th. Oc[tober].
2. Copy of the Fredericks Invoice.
3. 2^{d}. Bill of Lading of ditto.
4. Invoice of what laden on the AurengZeb.
5. Bill of Lading for ditto.
6. Acco^{t}. of the Maddapollam Yatchs charges & earnings.
7. Acco^{t}. of ships Arrivals & Departures.
8. Cap^{t}. Luhornes Original Request for salt Petre.
9. An Acco^{t}. of damag'd Cloth stated & agreed to by Cap^{t}. Luhorne.
10. A Paper of samples of such goods as do not come up to Muster.
11. Outcry Acco^{t}. of Remains in the Warehouse.
12. Account of Remains in the Warehouse to the Ult°. August.
13. Lists of Stores demanded for use and sale for y^{e} year 1716.
14. Import warehousekeepers List of demands for 1716.
15. List of the French & Dutch Contract prizes.
16. List of Revenues.
17. Cap^{t}. Allansons Account Currant of the Estate of Francis Delton de[c^{d}.]
18. Cap^{t}. Luhorns 2^{d}. Request for Salt Petre.
19. Abstract of the sea Customers Accounts from Jan^{ry}. to y^{e}. Ult°. Au[gust . . .].
20. A seal'd pacquet from the Presid^{t}. & Councill in Bengall.
21. Doct^{rs}. of the Bouverie & AurengZebs Receipt for y^{e} sold^{rs}. head mony.
22. List of the R^{t}. Hon^{ble}. Comp^{as}. Covenanted Servants.
23. Doctor Robsons List of Demands of Medicines Anno 1716.
24. Outcry Acco^{s}. of a Chest of Necessaries sent out to Fra^{s}. Barnard Writ^{r}. dec [^{d} . . .].
25. Alex^{a}. Bennet & Joseph Houghtons Covenants sign'd.
26. Copy of the R^{t}. Hon^{ble}. Comp^{as}. Cash Acco^{ts}. for July, August & September.
27. A small seal'd Letter which the ffrench bro^{t}. from our Surat ships at Johanna.
28. Abstract of the storekeepers Acco^{ts}. for y^{e} ult°. April to y^{e} 31st of Augu[st].
29. Storekeepers Acco^{t} of [Rem]ains to the Ult°. August.
30. Abstract of the Paymasters Accounts from April to y^{e} 31st. of Augu[st].
31. Muster Role of ship AurengZebs men.
32. Abstract of the Land Customers Acco^{ts}. from D[ecember . . .].
33. Copy of what Diamonds were Register'd ℔ [. . .].
34. Ditto of what goods [. . .].
35. Duplicate of AurengZebs Invoice [. . .].

36. Copy of Cap^{t}. Luhorn's Dispatch.
37. List of Diamonds Registered ℔ [. . .].
38. List of goods Registere'd ℔ [. . .].
39. [List of ten . . .].

LIST OF BOOKS SENT ℔ SHIP AURENGZEB.

CONSULTATIONS AND DIARYS	... ...	Commencing the ℔^{mo}. Jan^{ry}. $17\frac{13}{14}$. Ending the Ult^{o}. Sept^{r}. 1714.
COUNTRY LETTER BOOKS	... ...	Commencing the 3^{d}. Jan^{ry}. $17\frac{11}{12}$. Ending the 16th Sept^{r}. 1714.
LETTERS RECEIVED	... ...	Commencing the 7th. July 1714. Ending 4th. October 1714.
LEETTRS SENT	... ...	Commencing 24th. July 1714. Ending the 5th of Oct^{r}. 1714.

A LIST OF STORES WANTING FOR THE GARRISON OF FORT S^{T}. GEORGE AND NAVALL STORES FOR SALE VIZ^{T}.

100 Ton ... Iron Flat & SQUARE BARES one hundred Ton sells now at 12 Pag^{s}. ℔ Candy.
10 d^{to}. ... Bolt Iron TIN Ton from 3 to $3\frac{1}{2}$ pag^{s}. ℔ hundred.
20 d^{to}. ... Rod Iron twenty Ton from 13 to 14 pag^{s}. ℔ Candy.
1 d^{to}. ... Sheating NAILES one Ton 22 pagodas ℔ D^{to}.
1 d^{to}. ... Sheat lead one Ton att $2\frac{3}{4}$ to 3 pag^{s}. ℔ hundred.
20 chald^{n}. ... Sea Coales twenty chaldron 7 pag^{s}. ℔ Chaldron.

ANCHORS VIZ^{T}.

30 ... ... from 1 hund^{d}. to 5 hundred thirty will sell from 5 to 6 pag^{s}. ℔ hundred.
50 ... ... from 6 to 15 d^{to}. fifty ... ... 5 to 6 d^{to}. ℔ D^{to}.
20 ... ... from 15 to 20 d^{to}. twenty ... ... 5 pag^{s}. ℔ d^{t}.
These will be sufficient depending on what was wrote for in the last list.

GUNNS VIZ^{T}.

60 ... ... from 3/4 hund^{d}. to 2 hundred sixty ... ... 3 to $3\frac{1}{2}$ pag^{s}. ℔ hundred.
30 ... ... from 3 to 5 d^{to}. Thirty ... ... 3 to $3\frac{1}{2}$ d^{to}. D^{to}.
20 ... ... from 6 to 8 d^{to}. Twenty ... ... $3\frac{3}{4}$ to 3 d^{to}. D^{to}.
10 hund^{d}. ... Copper Plate Ten hund^{d}. 18 pagodas ℔ D^{to}.
50 bolts ... Holland Duck fifty bolts from 10 to 12 pag^{s}. ℔ Bolt.

STATIONERY WARE VIZ^{T}.

6 Rheam ... Royall paper six Rheam.
15 d^{to}. ... medium fifteen D^{to}.
8 d^{to}. ... Demy Eight D^{to}.
8 d^{to}. ... Post Eight D^{to}.
5 d^{to}. ... foolscap fine five D^{to}.
10 d^{to}. ... London Arms Ten D^{to}.
These sorts of stationary Ware sel[. . .].

GENERALL STORES VIZ^{T}.

24 ... ... Brass compasses [twenty-four].
36 ... ... [*Details lost*].

100 ... ... Spare cards for d^to^. (well touch'd) one hundred.
100 ... ... Spare glasses one hundred.
10 Backs ... pump leather Ten Backs.
50 ... ... Chest locks of severall sizes fifty.
12 ... ... Grindstones Twelve
100 ... ... Pad locks with saples & hasps One hundred
50 ... ... Stock locks fifty
30 ... ... Small Iron lock thirty
12 ... ... Brass locks twelve
12 ... ... Mauls Twelve
50 ... ... Hand hatchetts fifty
100 ... ... Paums one hundred
50 ... ... Hammers severall sizes fifty
300 skaines Twine three hundred Skaines
100 ... ... half hour Glasses one hundred
100 ... ... half minute glasses one hundred
1 Ton . Steel one Ton
20 ... ... Iron crows of severall sizes Twenty
24 ... ... Carpenters adds Twenty four
12 ... ... Broad axes Twelve
6 ... ... drawing knives six

These severall sorts mention'd under the head of Generall stores sell from 45 to 50 ℔ C^t^. advance on the Invoice.

GUNNERS STORES VIZ^T^.

20 Barrells Pistoll powder Twenty Barrell
10 d^to^. . . musket powder Ten . . . d^to^.
40 . . . Iron Worms for faulcon forty
40 d^to^. . . Iron for minion forty
20 d^to^. . . Saker twenty
50 . . . Ashen staves Fifty

These are sold at fifty ℔ C^t^. advance on Invoice.

ARMORY STORES VIZ^T^.

[20 p^r^.] . . Horse pistoll's Twenty pair
[100] . . fire locks gilded value 35^s^. ℔ ℔^s^ one hundred
[100 box^s^.] touch boxes one hundred
[100 . .] one hundred
[20 . .] Vices Twenty
[. . .] 50 ℔C^t^. advance on the Invoice
[*one line lost*]

A LIST OF STORES WANTING FOR THE GARRISON OF FORT S^T^. GEORGE AND NAVALL STORES FOR THEIRS SHIPPING FOR USE VIZ^T^.

50 chaldron SEA COALES fifty charldron very much wanted
6 Ton . IRON six Ton
3 d^to^ . BOLT IRON three Ton
½ d^to^. . ROD IRON half a Ton

ANCHORS VIZ^T^.

6 ... ... from 1 hund^d^ : to 4 hundred Weight six
2 ... ... from 6 . . . to 10 D^to^. Two
30 Bolts . HOLLANDS DUCK Thirty bolts for Tarpaulins

GENERAL STORES VIZ^{T}.

30 ... ... pad locks thirty
10 ... ... Iron locks Ten
4 ... ... Stock locks four
4 ... ... Smiths tongs four
4 ... ... Beeck Iron's for the Smith four
20 ... ... Paums Twenty for the sail maker
70 Skaines Twine seventy skaines
20 ... ... half four glasses Twenty
5 hundred Steel five hundred weight
6 ... ... Iron Crow's six
10 hundred Hoop Iron ten hundred
¾ Ton . Iron key rings cinch for gunn carriages three [fourth ton . .]
50 ... ... Drum lines fifty
20 ... ... Drum snares twenty
10 ... ... Drum hoop's ten
20 ... ... Drum braces twenty
15 ... ... Hammers severall sizes fifteen
6 ... ... Large Beams six
3 ... ... three setts of Iron weights

GUNNERS STORES VIZ^{T}.

10 barrills musket powder ten barrills
10 d^{to}. ... ... Pistoll d^{to}. ten d^{to}.
10 d^{to}. ... ... Iron worms for Falcon Ten
10 ... ... Iron worms for minion Ten
1 ... ... Theodolite or surveying Instrument one
100 ... ... Ashen staves one hundred
100 ... ... Bayonett peices one hundred the Bayonetts light & good
20p^{r}. ... ... Horse pistolls twenty pair
40 ... ... Carbins forty
200 ... ... Cartouch boxes two hundred
30 ... ... Halbert thirty
100 ... ... Ammunition swords & belts one hundred
200 ... ... Files of all sorts two hundred
10 ... ... Partizans Ten
6 ... ... Leading pikes six
12 p^{r}. ... ... Small Blunderbusses Twelve pair
50 ... ... Grandoe Pouches fifty
100 ... ... Darning boxes one hundred
2000 ... ... Flints two thousand

This will be sufficient if the stores mentioned under this head in the last list, Dated Jan^{ry}. y^{e} 7th. 1714 sent out the rifled Barrill peices mentioned in the list ℔ ship Dartmouth are not sent but are very necessary here.

STATIONARY WARE for the use of the offices and Subordinate Factories Viz^{t}.

10 ... ... Rheam Royal paper Ten
10 ... ... Demy . . . Ten
10 ... ... medium . . . Ten
10 ... ... Fools Cap . . . Ten
[5] Post ... ... five
[10000] Dutch Quills Ten thousand
[3 dozen] Penknives three dozen
[24] glasses twenty four
[3 dozen] lead pencills three dozen
[. . . .] twelve

[. . .] [tw]elve
[. . .] six pair
3 . . . Sicars three pair
2 quarts Red Ink two quarts
12 . . . Foldin[g] knives twelve
24 p[s]. . . Red [. . .] twenty four peices

Fort S[t]. George.
Aug[st]. y[e] 31[st]. 1714

LIST OF DEMANDS [FOR] THE WAREHOUSE FOR THE YEAR 1716.

	Bale.		£	s.
Twenty	20 Bales fine Scarlett		20	,,
Four	4 Ditto D°. Super fine	V.	36	,,
One	1 D°. Skye Super fine	V.	24	,,
One	1 D°. Black	V.	20	
One	1 D°. Yellow	V.	15	
Ten	10 D°. Ordinary . . . the same colour as the pattern above		10	,,
Five	5 D°. Popinja Super fine, the same colour as the Ordy pattern		25	,,
Sixt[y]	60 D°. Ordinary		8	,,
[Sixty]	60 D°. Aurora		12	10
[Eighty]	80 Ditto Redds . . . of a bright die ...		8	10
Ten	10 Ditto Blew ord[y].	V.	8	10
Four	4 D°. Meddlys . . . of the most fashionable 256 Bales Broad Cloth colour ...	V.	30	,,

LONG ELLS.

Twenty	20 Bales Scarlett fine	V℔D°.	3	,
Six	6 D° Yellow	V℔D°.	2	1
Six	6 D° Popinja . . . the same as the Cloth pattern	V D°.	3	,,
[Te]n	10 D°. Redds Ordinary	V D°.	2	,,
[Te]n	10 D°. Blews D°.	V D°.	2	,,
[Te]n	10 D° Yellows . . . the same colours as the above pattern	V D°.	2	,,
[Te]n	D°. Greens . . . the same as the cloth pattern.	V D°.	2	,,

72 Bales Long Ells.

EMBOSD CLOTH FORTY BOXES.

five 5 Boxes Yellow Damask Deroy border.
[Two] 2 Boxes white flowred down with yellow borders.
[Te]n 10 Boxes yellow prayer Carpetts with Deroy borders.
[Fi]ve 5 Boxes yellow prayer carpitts mixt in the flowers.
[Fiv]e 5 Boxes white flowerd from side with various colours.
[Fiv]e 5 Boxes Yellow Ground Crimson flowerd with two borders.
[Five] 5 Boxes Yellow Ground Crimson flowerd with a Deroy border.
[Three] 3 Boxes Carpetts yellow with a Crimson and a Deroy border.
[Forty] 40 Boxes Embosed Cloth.

[. . . 25 . . .] fine silk [Druggets] the most fa[shi]onable Colours.
[Ten] 10 D°. Camblets 4 Scarlett 2 White 1 Skye Cloth Colours ...
[Ten] 10 D°. Vellvetts Scarlett Crimson Yellow a[nd] Green Doz.
Spectacles 20 doz. the best sort 20

Prospective Glasses of several sorts wit[h Jo]ynts covered with Guilt Leather and shagg Green three doz.	DOZ.	3
Plain Leather Saddles twenty with Spar[e sets]Bitts & stirrup Leathers		20
Looking Glasses from 6 to 15 In[ch]es tw[ent]y doz.... ...		20
Lead fifty Ton	TON.	50

MEMMORANDUM.

Memmorandum.

The reason that the several bales on y^e^[. . .]in case the Company [order] any cloth from Persia or Bombay for this place that to send out only those articles mark'd V they being for use and is mentiond in the general Letter para [. . .] of AurengZeb.

W. WARRE.
Imp^t^. Warehousekeep^r^.

Not to send any Embosd cloth of a Silver ground nor of that sort that is made into Cushions.

E. HARRISON.
BERNARD BENYON.
RICH^D^. HORDEN.
JOSEPH SMAR[T].
THO^S^. COOKE.
JOHN LEGG.
JOS^A^. COOKE.

GENERAL LETTER TO THE COMPANY, DATED FEBRUARY 12, 1715.
[*Public Despatches to England, Vol. 4, pp.* 75—99].

TO THE HON^BLE^. THE COURT OF DIRECTORS
FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^T^. HON^BLE^.
UNITED COMPANY OF MERCH^TS^. OF ENGLAND
TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES
℔ HANOVER.

HONOURABLE

date of the Aur^g^. Zeb's lettr. & rect. of 3 Lett^s^. ℔ ye Sh. George.

1. Our last addresses were by ship AurengZeb dispatch'd hence the 10^th^. October, Copys of wh[ich co]mes in this pacquett. We are [now] to acknowledge a short letter receiv'd from y^r^. Hon. [℔ the S^t^.]George dated the [. . .] of ffeb^ry^. last, and two from M^r^. Secretary Wooley dated [. . .] and [. . .] The Co[ntents] of which will be answer'd under the proper heads to which they belong, & we ask pard[on] for omitting to mention these Letters in the hurry of the AurengZeb's dispatch.

Ye sev^ll^. paragh^s^. omitted ansg ℔ the AurgZeb, now promis'd to be done.

2. According to promise in our Letters by the Joseph and AurengZeb we shall Likewise endeavour to answer severall paragraphs in [your] Letter by the Avarilla then omitted as requiring further Consideration, and lastly we shall give an account of all occurrence of moment since the dispatch of the foremenți[oned] ships.

FIRST CONCERNING SHIPP^G^. SENT OUT & RETURN'D.

advice of the Surat ships beg. arriv'd.

3. By Letters from Anjango dated in November [we] are advis'd that your ships Catherine and Thistleworth arriv'd Bombay the 20^th^. of September, the Catherine was dispatch'd down the Coast the 28^th^. October with M^r^. Stephen Stuart, and was at Anjango the 22^d^. November under orders to be back at Bombay by the 15^th^. January at farthest, The Thistleworth it is said is intended to Persia upon freight.

also of ye seperate ships being arriv'd Batavia.

4. We have also receiv'd advices from Batavia and Bencoolen via Bengall that the two separate ships Delicia and Clapham Galley were arriv'd in those parts with their slaves from Madagascar. We have not any particular account of what they did at Batavia only in Generall that they were wel[l] receiv'd, and had more liberty than any of yo^r^. Hon^rs^. ships, and sold a part of their slaves, the rest they carried to Bencoolen, and what they did there will fall more properly under the head of the West Coast, both ships give out that they intend directly back for

Europe, but we think that impracticable considering the number of slaves the Delicia has left aboard, and rather inclin'd to beleive she will [Embark] for the south seas, as for the other ship most of her slaves being sold tis like[ly she] may Load home from Batavia.

5. By the same way we Learn that you[r two Borneo] ships are arriv'd Banjarr, and likely to succeed in gett^{s}. their Cargo [. . .] all by disagreement among themselves. Yo^{r}. ship Susanna was [. . .] to proceed for Europe in August, the Avarilla arriv'd Be[ncoolen . . .] there's [no reason to] doubt but the will be dispatched a full [. . .] about the Cape.

[The] two Borneo ships be^{g}. [arri]v'd Banjarr. Ye Susanna [. . B]atavia & ye Avarilla [to] Bencoolen.

6. [The Hanover sailed from] Bengall the 14th. [Decem^{r}. and arrived at] Vizagapatam the 24th. where she stai'd to take in what bales they had till the thirty[first] and Anchor'd here the 7th. ult. in such bad Weather that we could not do anything upon her in three days, w^{ch}. is very unusual at that season, and notwithstanding all the care we have taken to prevent the Cap^{ts}. demanding more salt Petre here as you may please to observe in our Letters wrote them this last season Perticulerly under the 12th. of Aprill, We have been forc'd to part wth. three hundred baggs at the Cap^{ts}. request w^{ch}. Comes in the Packett N^{o}. (15) rather than have it Laid at our door in case any accident should happen to the ship for want of sufficient Kintlage.

[Concern^{g}] the Hanovers sailg. from Bengall, arrival at Vizagapm. [and tha]t ye. place. & y^{e}. Capts. unwarrantable demands. salt Petre here.

SECONDLY OF GOODS SENT AND TO BE SENT FROM EUROPE.

7. We can see no reason to make any alteration in our Lists of demands sent by the AurengZeb Duplicate of which comes in this pacquett. We have not been able to rid our hands of more than 241 ba^{s}. of Broad Cloth [un to] our Joynt Stock merch^{ts}. since that time, at the same price as last year viz^{t}. 45 ℔Cent advance, except what Little have been us'd for the Military & retail'd out of the Warehouse, so that we have now remaining 733. Bales according to the list of remains in the Packett N^{o}. (27.) however we hope to clear ourselves of the greatest part before the next shipping arrives, and that which was sent us from Bombay as advis'd you by the Frederick being most in danger of decay, we have made shift to put it of first.

[Rels.] to the Vend of ye. Broad Cloth.

8. Our Letters from Bengall advising that they shall be under great streights for want of money as well as to carry on their Investment as to defray the expence of the Present to the Mogull. We have made them an Offer of three or four hundred bales of broad cloth to be sent them down wth. the first of the monsoon if they think fit to accept it, but we fear we shall not have more money Left when your ships are dispatch'd then what will be necessary for carrying on our Investments at this place, Fort S^{t}. David, and Vizagapatam, till your next shipping arrives.

[. . .] 400 Bas. of Bd. Cloth advis'd [. . .] offer'd ye. Gent in Bengall they beg. in great want of money.

9. We have sold some more of our Bullion at 15$\frac{3}{8}$ Dollars for ten pag^{s}. and what little we have left will in all liklyhood sell yet dearer, since we cannot expect the usual supplys from Manilha, the trade between that place and new Spain being entirely at a stand, but thô yo^{r}. hon^{rs}. are Considerable gainers by the silver, we fear you will Lose more in your revenues, because the scarcity and dearness of Silver is a great discouragement to the trade of Bengall and China, which are the most valuable Articles in your sea Customs and Coinage.

of the vend of Silver.

10. We could not send an account sales of the Corall last year that came out upon ℔mission little, or none of it being sold when the ships went hence, but we have now drawn it as near as we can to your Directions and it comes in the Packett N^{o}. (28.) as for what came out upon this years ship[ping] none of it is yet dispos'd off, nor do we know when it will, the markett being glutted by this large Quantity by what the French have imported at Pondicherry [and] what the Armenians bring by way of Persia and Suratt, that no body [. . .] bidd within 20 ℔cent of the[ir cost].

[. . .] the Acct. sale.

[Necessy.] returns does not [c]ome by ys: shipps. for ye Bullion brought out ys. year.

11. We are further to acquaint your Hon^rs. that of [the large] Quantity of Bullion imported here by your Licence few or no returns can be [made] this season, Diamonds being [intelleable] scarce and dear, occasion'd by the imprudent management of y^e. French that employ large sums of money at the mints by the hands of Marcus [Moses] who for y^e. Benefit of 10 ℔Cent Commission buys up all he can lay his hands on [go]od or bad, and will continue to do so if he is supply'd with money till Letters from France put a stop to his proceedings.

complaint of the packs the ffort St. David Chest of Medicines.

12. The Chest of medicines that was sent out for the use of Fort S^t. David we suppose might be put up by some ℔son that was a stranger to the usuall manner of doing it, which has occasion'd a great deal of damage among the most valuable articles, of which you have a perticular acco^t. in the [duplicate] report that comes in the Pacquet N° (29) as also the severall parti[culars] wanted which we desire may be supply'd hereafter.

THIRDLY TOUCHING YOUR INVESTMENTS IN INDIA.

Our Merchts, h@ comply'd very well wth their Contracts.

13. Our merchants here have comply'd very well with their last Contract as your hon^rs will easily perceive by our being able to [fill] the Hannover with almost her whole Cargo of bales so soon after dispatching the AurengZeb though we have had prodigious rains in October, November, & Dece[mb^r] more than have been known for many years which has been a great hindrance [to] our Washers and oblig'd us to encrease a small matter in the articles of blew & [midling] Long Cloth, of which the merchants had some remains by them rather than to [fill] up the ship with brown which you have only permitted in cases of the greatest [necess]ity.

of the Blew Cloth sent upon ys. ship.

14. The Blew Cloth that comes upon this ship not having been [sorted . . . br]own & measur'd as usuall when we contract for it, we have oblig'd the Merch[ants] as you may please to observe in Consult^n the 22^d. Ult° to make full satisfaction if any faults are found, either in the measure, or goodness of the Cloth, when it comes to be deliver'd to the buyers in England, in which we doubt not but yo^r Hon^rs. [will] do them justice, as we shall take care to exact the same from them here wh[en] we know your pleasure.

of provids. goods at fft St David towds. dispatchg. these ships.

15. Our frequent letters to Fort S^t David will convince yo^r Hon^rs. that we have not been wanting to spurr them on in getting goods ready [for] the Dispatch of these ships, and we must do the present Dep^ty. Govern^r so much justice as to say we beleive he has done his part, but the Merchants have not [yet] recover'd the severe usage they met with under his predecessors, and the greatest hindrance of all has been from the rains, and for want of a sufficient number of washers, most of them having been seduc'd away as we have before inform'd you by the French in M^r Raworths time, and notwithstanding all manner of endeavours have been us'd we can not yet wholly retrieve the Loss, so th[at] of nine hundred bales now in their bounds, not half the number are [cured] and we fear the [Cardigan] must be fill'd up with brown Cloth at last, if we [dis]patch her [. . .] to secure her Passage.

[M]oodu Ramahs bo^s. ℔swadd. [to] reside at fft S^t David.

16. The inconveniences we have labour'd under [by the non-]Compliance of our ffort S^t David Merchants which are too many [to] be enumerated, have put us upon encouraging one of Sunca Ramahs Brothers to go and reside there, which will be a great help to our Affairs, our Contract will always [be] comply'd with in due time, for the shipping, & Sunca Rama himself residing with the Nabob at Chingie, will be assisting to [keep] the Government in good temper, that our Business may go Currently on and to make a beginning we have Agreed for One thousa^d bales to be ready by September.

Vigapatm Bettelaes &

17. We receiv'd One hundred sixty five bales from Vizag^m by the Hannover of which One hund^d fifty four Sallampores, the rest Striped Bettel^as of twenty pagodas the Corge according to the Directions in your List of Investments, we wish they may answer your Expectation, they are as good as can be procur'd at that mean price, as for what went by the Dartmouth mark'd V × which you are

pleas'd to referr to in yo^{r}. List, they were turn'd out goods which M^{r} Hastings informs us they afterwards took in, at that low price as a Mulct upon the Merchants for not making them according to muster. The sallampores are very good, and we expect a large Quantity more from thence ev'ry day, the Country being quiet at ℔sent and Cotton reasonably cheap.

18. Among the Sallampores that come upon this ship there are twenty bales mark'd G A of a new sort, made as farr to the Northward as Ganjam, by Contract with M^{r} Rob^{t}. Symonds a free Merch^{t}. that trades annually to that place in grain & other Commodities. They are deliver'd us at Vizagapatam for twelve pag^{s} & a half the Corge, and appear to be better and Cheaper than those made in the parts adjacent to Vizagap^{m}. and if you approve thereof doubt not but to enlarge the Quantity at the same price. Ganjam salampores.

19. We have not thought it practicable to do anything at Ingerum this year to advantage M^{r} Thomas Faucetts unwarrantable quitting of his post and bringing the merchants hither with him, of which we shall have occasion to say more under another head, caus'd so much Confusion in that Investment, that Considering how ill our orders and their large promises were comply'd with last season, how we were forc'd to take [over] Double the Quantity of Brampore Chints to what we order'd, instead of the valuable articles of Longcloth, and sallampores, rather than let our money [be out] in a dangerous Countrey, at the mercy of ev'ry Nabob that hapens to march that way we chose rather to do our business nearer to our own ffactorys, and in secure hands than to send our mony so far a feild and have nothing extraordinary for y^{e} great risque we run. We have now hopes of getting the Ingerum Longcloth and [Sall]ampores brought us in large qu[antities] to Vizagapatam without advance[ing] any sum of money or being [obliged to m]aintain people there, and should [. . .] will be with much [*lines lost*]. [rea]sons for doing nothing at [Ing]eram y^{s} season.

20. [. . .] made further enquiry into the [dear package of] bales at Vizagapatam [when] M^{r} Hastings arriv'd, and by compareing the [accounts] he gives us, with what your Hon^{rs} are pleas'd to write of the scantiness and [. . .] of the materialls, undoubtedly if there has been some abuse in the Warehouse, [M^{r}] Jennings has strict order to enquire well into this affair and to procure re[para]tion, and we shall put them into such a method hereafter, that if upon viewing [the] goods here, we find any [wrong] or unreasonable charge we can immediately [know] where to fix it. The same care is taken at Fort S^{t} David and we hope you [know we] will have no further cause of complaints as for the Vizagapatam goods that come upon this ship, we have examined the package and find all to be [right] except the Betteelaes, that are charg'd at two pagodas ℔ bale which we [. . .] abuse, unless the packing stuff is charged at more than it costs and the diff[erence] carried to Profit and Loss, of which we shall take care to make due enquiry. of the Vizagap^{m}. package.

Fourthly Concerning the Trade of India in Generall & Therein any Transactions with the Country Government.

21. By a ffrench Europe ship lately arriv'd Pondicherry from Manilha, we are advis'd that the Spaniards have seiz'd and Confiscated a ship belonging to S^{t} Malo's that was bound from China to [Persia] and Drove by stress of weather into one of y^{e} ports of that Island, we have likewise y^{e} mortification to hear that the trade of Manilha is worse than ever, that most of the merchants, are insolvent and this place is like to [loose] a very great sum of Money, unless the trade of new Spain speedily revive[s] upon this prohibition to the French that have occasion'd all the mischif. This ship now return'd went from Bengall to Manilha with a mixt Cargo of Europe & bay goods, but has not got his principal money by thirty or Forty ℔ Cent. of the Spaniards at Manilha hav℔. seiz'd & confiscated a St. Malo's ship.

22. By ship ffrederick we advis'd Your Hon^{rs}. of the Death of Syrop sing Rajah of Chingie, upon which that Government remain'd under the care of his of the Nabob's taking

Chingie upon the death of Seroop sing.

son Taygy Sing till the beginning of October last, when Our Nabob Sadatulla Cawn pretending orders from y^e^ King drew near y^e^ City with all his Forces and sent the Govern^r^ a summons to surrender it for the Kings use, to which he reply'd that the King had entrusted his Father with y^e^ Government, That by his Fathers death it devolv'd upon him, and he would not deliver it up without sight of the Kings orders immediately after this, he made a salley with about three hundred Rash boot horse, fell upon the Nabob suddenly, and was very near cutting him off his Elephant, but f[resh] Forces coming in, and several of Taygy sings horsemen deserting him, he and about one hundred and twenty of his greatest men were all put to the sword, and among the rest that famous Mobut Cawn our Mortall Enemy in the [. . .] with Chingie, few days after this skirmish the [Great] Fort [of Chingie] that formerly held out [. . .] against the Vizier [. . .] whole army, being left without a head were [immedia]tly surrender'd to the Nabob, who has now made Chingie [his] Quarters, and is fortyfying and storeing it as if he intend[ed] to set up for himself, every body agreeing that he undertook this expedition on his own head without any order from Court.

On wch. ye. ffrench made the Nabob a Present.

23. Upon this Victory the ffrench at Pondicherry address'd the Nabob with a present of twelve hundred Pagodas w^ch^. not being thought enuff, they were forc'd to make an addition on acco^t^. of severall villages they possess under the Chingie Governm^t^. but our Title being indisputable good to Fort S^t^. David and it's dependencys, we thought it best to make no advances of that kind, and only wrote a congratulatory Letter to the Nabob according to the Custom of the Country.

A Congratulatory small Present agreed to be given ye. Nabob on his taks. Chingie but no agreemts. to be made wth. [him] abo^t^. our fft. St. David Villages.

24. We have since receiv'd severall Perwannas from the Nabob demanding us to send a Vacquel to agree about our Towns and Villages of Cuddalore &c^a^. which he pretends are in his Jaggier; we have expostulated with him in several answ^rs^. as yo^r^. Hon^rs^. may please to observe in our Book of Country Letters N°. 26 & 40 and have given proper directions to Sunca Ramah & his partner to appear in our behalf, to set forth our Just title by lawfull purchase from the y^e^ r^t^ Owners before the Mogull conquer'd Chingie and y^e^. Moratta Countrey, and to produce the Kings Husbulhookum lately granted us for free trade, of which we receiv'd an Attested Copy from Bengall, at the same time we have order'd them if a small present of Congratulation will make every thing easy to put an end to the dispute, but by no means to give any thing on account the Villages, which would be establishing a prenicious Custom. The Nabob is now marchd to Tanjore and threatens hard what he will do at his return, but we are prepar'd to receive him and have order'd Sunca Ramah to let him know, that we must defend our own to the very last man, and all ill Consequences must be laid at his door if he disturbs us. We are more apprehensive of his sloping our goods in the Country than of any open attacks upon the Bounds.

[Of] the Present to y^e^. Mogul.

25. By our last advices from Bengall your pres^t^. was still at Patna, but ev'rything in a rediness to set forward, and the Kings orders for safe conducting it were arriv'd. We send yo^r^. Hon^rs^. a Copy of a Letter from M^r^. Surman &c^a^. in the Packet N°. 31 to which we have answerd by Cossides overland to méet them at Agra, the President & Councill write us that the [King] has orderd a lack of Rupees [. . .] the Charges, if so we fear he [wants] a present of much [more value] than ours will appear to [*one line lost*] however we are glad to [acqua]int your Hon^rs^. that our old Friend Zoudy Cawn is arrivd [at Court] and in great favour with the King, wh[o] has made him high [Steward] of his household, and there's no reason to dou[bt] but that if right application be made to him, he will use all his endeavours to procure us a favourable reception and the grant of what we desire.

Of the Danes taks. the large Moors ship in Bengall river.

26. Yo^r^. Honours will undoubtedly have a full account in your Bengall Letters of the ill usage the Danes ffacto[ry] near Hughly has mett with from the Moors Government, which at last oblig'd them to quit their [town] and forsake the shoars, the Directore with his Councill and altogether making about [sixteen men] boarded and [seiz'd a large] Moors ship in the river richly laden, and

brought her away for this Coast by the help of about sixty men more English and Dutch,that she gatherd up in Bengall. They anchor'd first at Fort S^{t}. David where they offer'd to sell their Cargo, but we have strictly prohibited their importing any prize goods with us, which would infallibly be attended with bad Consequence to your affairs and they now lie at Fort S^{t}. David in expectation of getting what they have done to be approv'd by their superiours at Trincombarr, and particularly the [share] promis'd to their Crew, we heartily wish this ship was well in the Danes possession, for she is a good sailor and man'd with such a sett of villaines of all Nations, that there is great reason to fear they will carry her off, and [turn] Pyrates, unless matters are speedily and amicably adjusted, they have made one attempt that way already, and we have given the best directions we could to Fort S^{t}. David for preventing so great an Evill.

Relating to ye. Grain trade of this place.

27. We promis'd Yo^{r}. Honours in our letter by the Joseph under this head a full state of the grain trade at this place accordingly we send it in the packet N°. 32, and therein you may please to observe one years Import by sea, also what quantity was brought from the land in the same year by those that rent the Country round about us under the Nabob, who always have free permission to [store] it in Godowns, and sell it as they please at the Public Banksall or otherwise, we should often be in great streights for want of sufficient and timely supplys by sea. Your Honours will easily see by this faithfull Account how impracticable it must be for any one man to engross [. . .] grain without buying it up here upon the place, if he had a sufficient stock to do it, and that the more any person or persons import by [sea] the better it must be for the place, because the Country renters are [then] oblig'd to sell at a moderate price to pay their rent, or take up money [at] high Interest, which eats them out whereas if the import by sea [should] fail, they may impose what terms they please upon us, and we [must submit to them] or Famine.

[Of] the Presidents beg vilely traduc'd in ye. affr. of ye. Grain trade.

28. Yo^{r}. President hopes that what he said for himself by the Joseph upon this subject, what we now lay before your Honours and what he is always ready to prove, viz^{t}. that he never bought [in] grain here since his arrivall, will intirely convince you that he has been vilely traduc'd, and he is the more sollicitous to Justify himself, because he has a true sense of the sin it is before God for a man in his station to set so odious an example of oppressing the poor, and because he thinks your Hon^{rs}. would not have express'd yourselves in so pathetical a manner, if you did not really believ'd him guilty of it, which he is very sure was more than the persons themselves beleivd, that gave you the information.

The affr. of ye. grain trade continued.

29. We come next to your orders for bringing in the necessary quantity of all sorts of grain yearly on your account to be sold out at a reasonable profit in small parcells to prevent engross^{s}. and in the first place we beg yo^{r}. Honours to consider that this will employ a large quantity of Tonnage, that your Europe shipping cannot be employ'd upon it so as to earn one quarter part of their demorrage, the usuall freight of rice from the N°.ward being fourteen rup^{s}. the garse, which is four Tons, and eight rupees for Paddy, for the same reason we cannot employ our own Country vessells in this trade, because the freight will not near defray the expence, only in times of necessity we have been so publick spiritted (and that our accusors well know as to lend our ships for that service though we were considerable loosers thereby, rather than see people drop down dead in our streets for want) It remains then to be considered which way this grain shall be brought up and Imported, We must have Factors at five or six ports, and continual disputes with the Country Government at all of them. We must freight it upon the usuall grain boats that are wretched flat bottom open vessells fit for the Barrs of the rivers only, many of them are disabled before they get hither, lose their Masts, and Ruthers, and throw part of their Cargo's overboard, and every year some of them founder and are never heard of besides that, seldom above half of the number reach this port, the rest finding themselves late put into other ports all along the Coast and sell their Cargo's which would be a great loss if these cargo's were yours and design'd hither only, all these Difficultys

duly consider'd, we cannot think it your interest to engage in the grain trade by way of importation being well assur'd you will be great loosers thereby in y^e^. end, unless we make use of those very same means to save you that you are studying to prevent. However we shall endeavour to contract for a sufficient quantity [. . .] us here (at such rates you cannot be loosers) as will serve to keep all forestallers & regraters under. This has been already and shall always be our peculiar care and Study and we are glad to acquaint you that ever since the first scarcity on your presidents arrival, which was occasion'd cheifly by want of store and the necessity there was of supplying Fort S^t^. David or loosing the settlement, all sorts of grain have been at such a price as is best for y^e^. poor, and now we have it cheaper than has been known for many years past, wherefore we are preparing to lay in as much as the few godowns you have fit for that purpose will hold.

FIFTHLY TOUCH^a^. FORTIFICATIONS BUILDINGS REPAIRS & REVENUES.

Of the inner ffort being pull'd down.

30. Our inner Fort is very near down, and we are [ready] to lay the foundation of the new buildings we have bought up what [timber] and plank there was in town fit for that purpose, and for the use of Fort S^t^. David at as cheap rates as possible, which will appear upon our Consultations, and the work is under so many checks that no abuses can be committed, as for y^e^. materials of y^e^. old Fort only the Bricks will be of use to us, and of them we have a very great quantity, though two sides of the square were arch'd work laid in Chinam, and of the other two y^e^. timber & Covering boards are rotten, and will not serve again. We will save all we can but if the whole work is laid in Chinam according to your directions we find it will cost more than we computed it at in our last letters, however it will be the easier kept in repair, and last at least double the time of any other building that is laid in Clay.

Of the ffort St. David buildings.

31. We are in the next place according to promise in our Letter by y^e^. Joseph to answer what your Hon^rs^. write in your [. . .] Letter by y^e^. Avarilla touching the buildings at Fort S^t^. David, which affair has been fully consider'd in all y^e^. particulars by every body [here] that is acquainted with the scituation of y^s^ place, and has any manner of skill in building, and Fortification, we are oblig'd to declare our sentiments freely on this occasion, though they differ very much from those Gentlemens whom your Honours have reason to believe are proper Judges of y^s^. matter, it may be some years ago since they view'd the place, and probably they might not weigh every circumstance so thoroughly as we have now done, we shall first show your Hon^rs^. that those ju[dges] misinform'd you in some particulars on which you lay y^e^. greatest stress of y^e^. whole scheme, and then endeavour to give you good reasons (why in our opinion) it is not your interest to pull y^s^. Fort down, or to think of removing the materials [. . .].

[Of]y^e^ Water passages at Tevenap^m^. and Cuddr^e^.

32. In the first place your Hon^rs^. have been [informed] that the passage up by water to Tevenapatam or Fort S^t^. David [is] not capable of any ship of burthen coming up to it directly by sea, & that the sea passage [at] Cuddalore is now capable to receive a ship of one hundred to one hundred and fifty tons, and might easily be made navigable for a ship of two hundred tons, We joyn these two assertions together thô at some distance from each other in your letter, that the answer may be the more Conscise.

Barrs of [Fort] St. David [&]Cudda lore.

33. The first part is readily granted as to the Barr of Fort S^t^. David, thô that is now much better than the barr of Cuddalore has been so these four or five years, but within the barr near the Fort and all the way up to it there is water enuff for such ships as you mention, and no where else in the river, but then as to the second assertion relating to Cuddalore That barr has of late been quite shutt up many months in y^e^. year, and has not been capable these many years past of receiving ships or sloops of any bigness, nor even the smallest vessells except at high water, and spring tides, and then they can only just get over the barr, for the passage up to Cuddalore has in many places but one foot & one foot & a half

at low water, as you may please to observe in the draught of y^t^. river w^ch^. comes in the Packet N°. 35, and is very accurately drawn, you will likewise see how easy it is to make that river navigable for a ship of two hundred tons, for our parts we must freely declare that we think it altogether impracticable, and so do's every body else of any Judgement here, and if any thing could be done by Force of act it must cost you an immense sum̃ of money.

34. The best barr at present you may please to observe is in the Moors Territorys and that broke out in M^r^. Robert's time which he might have prevented with a small charge, and thereby have preserv'd the barr of Cuddalore and y^e^. passage up to the town, which is now choak'd up with sand and mud by the Course of the river being turn'd out of that Moors barr, and the Damage is not to be retriev'd without a prodigious charge, if at all practicable.

The Best Barr at present is in y^e^. Moors territorys.

35. Much the best barr now left is that near the Fort and if anything can be done to the purpose it must be there, but we have neither heads nor hands capable of such an undertaking, and if we had y^e^. expence would be more in our opinion than Your Hon^rs^. would care to consent to.

fft. St. David Barr y^e^. best in [our bounds]

36. In the second place Your Hon^rs^. are assur'd [. . .] and a very few houses and is [. . .].

[. . .].

37. [. . .] the Fort protects the road if [ships] or vessels come as near in as they may venture in time of danger, it protects the best barr now left, it commands The best branch of the road that goes up to Cuddalore, and the Town of Tevenapatam, in which there are about eight hundred houses, many of them built with brick, and this was a very valuable town full of weavers before the late trouble, and will be so again under a prudent administration, the Fort likewise awes the Dutch Factory in Tevenapatam town, that stands upon near as much ground as the Fort itself, and being strongly built upon higher ground with a little charge it may be made defensible against such a small Fortification as you propose to build in lieu of the Forts. We must suppose that your Hon^rs^. are not unacquainted with the pretentions the Dutch still keep alive to Tovenapatam, there were very warm disputes about [it] in S^t^. Jn°. Goldsborough and M^r^. Hattsells time, and if ever we are so unhappy to have a Warr with them, this Fort now standing in their security you can have for your bounds, and without it they could not be defended against them ten days, for by the help of their factory now standing, they would command free entrance into the river, and land upon as at pleasure, they did attempt as much when they beseig'd Pondicherry, and nothing but this Fort kept them in awe, Further this Fort stands nearest in the center of y^e^ bounds, commands all round as farr as the guns will reach, it over looks all the Outguards and [reach]es most of them with a random shot, It is a much securer magazine than ever Cuddalore can be made, and being in the center [can relieve] either Cuddalore or any of the Outguards in case of an attack with much more ease convenience and security than can be done any other way, and if Cuddalore should be made the head Quarters it would be very difficult at any time to maintain the outguards against a Country enemy but in the time of the rains and freshes all Communication would be in a manner cutt off, again the best water we have is in the Fort, at Cuddalore there is none fit to drink which is an article not to be dispis'd in this Country, and lastly it cannot justly be said that the ffort is no way serviceable to secure Cuddalore, as it commands the passage up to it by water, and keeps the Country Government more in Awe than Cuddalore can ever be made capable of doing, for as long as we maintain the Fort they know we have a good stake and open communication to the sea to anoy them in case they should seize Cuddalore or any of our outworks, but were the Fort out of the Question they [have] only to master Cuddalore, and all is their own, for having no place of [Defence] [*a line lost*].

The ffort protects ye road, ye. river goe. to Cuddalor^e^, Tevenapm: Town and is a great awe to y^e^ Country Governmt.

38. [So] farr as to y^e^. scituation and usefulness of the fort where it now stands and the case being so far Different from what has been represented to your Hon^rs^. we cannot think you will blame us for letting the Fort stand till you have

[Y^e^] considerat^n^: on y^e^. foregoe. [de]vices, we

hope not to be clam'd for lett̃s. ye. ffort stand.

reconsider'd the matter, since you are pleas'd to say you are only inclin'd to have it pull'd down in case things are according as they have been represented to you or pretty near it.

[Reass have also fix'd our resolutions in ys. ꝑticul follows.

39. There are some other reasons that have helpd to fix our resolutions in this particuler, which we beg leave to lay before you as briefly as possible.

[Fi]rst because there is not near quantity of materialsto [s]erve for ffortyfy̅. Cuddalore [as] has been reprevented.

40. First we find Your Honours expect great help from the materialls of the old Fort towards fortifying Cuddalore, but upon a very strict survey we are well assur'd that all the materialls we can save would not be sufficient to build the small Fort of ten Guns which you propose for the Defence of Tevenapatam nay hardly to lay the Foundation of it, for in the first place as to y^e^ stones which your Hon^rs^ have been told are so valuable, there are no more than what just Face two of y^e^ Bastions and pave a Causeway cross the inside of the Fort, except the gate of the Fort which is likewise built with stone, after the Moratta Fashion, and this is a smooth sort of stone almost like marble very improper for any Fortificat^s^ at the best, almost all the Curtains and the other two Bastions are built with brick laid in Chinam which are never to be seperated so as that the bricks can be made usefull for any building afterwards, and especially the old Moratta wall is hardly to be demolish'd, any way but by blowing it up, all under the Curtains is arch'd work in Chinam, and the old Moratta buildings within the Fort the same, so that there is no Timber nor any quantity of serviceable stone or bricks to be depended upon towards yo^r^ other buildings, and yet that Fort was never built at first by y^e^ Moratta's for less than Fifty thousand pagodas, wherefore we must think it great pity it should be pull'd down. Parag^h^: 41 to come aft^r^. y^s^., is ent^d^. at y^e^ end of y^e^ Letter.

Cuddalore is y^e^ principle town [in] F S David, & it being absolutely necessary to finish y^e^ Wall, it shall be forthwith set about.

42. We very readily agree with your Hon^rs^. that Cuddalore is the principle Town in your bounds, that it may by good Conduct be much enlarg'd, That if it was made secure merchants & others of Fortune would be tempted to reside with us, to the great increase of the manufactures, and Revenues, and we think it is absolutely necessary to repair and Compleat the Wall of it for[thwith] as the best step that can be made for its security, it is at present very bad, in many places ready to fall and not Defensible, and [. . . . .] is this, that if at las[t] pleasd to Determine the Fort shall come down, upon perusing [what] we now lay before you, it cannot be begun upon with any safety [till] the wall of Cuddalore is compleated and if you order the Fort to stand there is a necessity of securing Cuddalore, we shall therefore set about [it] with all possible frugality, and the best contrivance we are masters of and in time we doubt not but the Inhabitants may be assess'd on that acco^t^. without prejudice to the settlement, but at present they are not in circumstances, and the very mention of such a thing would occasion many usefull people to leave the place.

A Draught of ye Town of Cuddalore sent in ye packet.

43. We send Yo^r^ Hon^rs^. in the packet N° 36 a very exact draught of the town of Cuddalore in which you will easily [see] how weak it is at present. The fortify'd wall goes no further [. . .] (7), all the south wall from (1) to (8) has no ditch, tis very [. . .] ready to Fall, and that is the side most in danger of being attack[ed and] Horseman can look over it as it now is, and very few of the points [. . .] round the wall are capable of defending each others. The North end from figure (8) to (10) is poorly palisado'd, and it will be necessary to bring the wall on there down to the river, or within a shot of it [. . .] the river side you will observe is unguarded, and the bank lies in [. . .] in such a manner that Batteries must be rais'd at Convenient distances to defend each others, This is the work that we propose to do [without] further loss of time.

Reas. for not buyg. Mr. Farmers house for a Factory.

44. M^r^ Farmer that went home upon the S[omers] will undoubtedly make yo^r^ Hon^rs^ an offer of his house at a [low price] because he knows not what to do with it, but it is neither conven[iently] scituated, strongly built nor properly contriv'd for such a Factory as is necessary in that place, which were the reasons we did not buy it of him here.

An estimate of y^e charge in demolishg. fft St David & build at Cuddalore, & if shod. build in y^e ffort & only secure Cuddalore.

45. In the last place we beg leave to referr yo^r Hono^rs. to a stated account of the Charge if we should demolish the Fort, and [build] in Cuddalore, and if we should build in the Fort and only secure Cudda[lore] which comes in the packet N°. 37, and yo^r President has drawn in the best surveys that could possibly be had of persons experienc'd in Country buildings, who are perfectly acquainted with the scituation [in] your bounds, as well as with the buildings and Fortifications, and your Hon^rs have weighd all Circumstances you will be pleas'd to give such [orders] as you think necessary for our future proceeding, in the meantime Your servants at Fort S^t David must shift as well as they can for lodgings [. . .] & other Conveniences at the Garden house, upon which M^r. Raworth [. . .] squande[rd . . .] of money [which could have been . . .].

reas. why y^e Presidt. can't go down to fft St David till ye [vac]eant season.

46. Your President had thought of getting [the] ship dispatch'd so as to have gone down to Fort S^t David upon the Cardigan, the Journey over land being very chargeable, but the Hannover coming here with only three hundred bales instead of five or six that we had reason to expect, we could not dispatch her so early as we intended and there is a necessity of sending away the Cardigan, to fill up without loss of time that her passage may be secure, wherefore he proposes to take the [Vaceant] season when all the ships are gone, and in the meantime we shall order all sorts of materialls to be prepar'd for undertaking the wall of Cuddalore that when it is begun upon, it may be carried up at once.

[Advance] made on ye Arrack [Farm] Rent of ye Bounds at Fort St. David.

47. We are glad to acquaint you that at Fort S^t David we have made a considerable advance upon the Arrack Farm and the rent of the bounds, and are pretty well assur'd that in a year or two with good management the latter of these two articles may be greatly improv'd. We must do the present Deputy Govern^r so much Justice as to say we think he has been very cordial in this affair, & some others of the same kind where your interest is concern'd, as will appear more properly under the following head.

[Of] the Rent of Paddy feilds be rais'd from 40 pa to 710 pa [℔ anm].

48. In our Consultation of the 3^d December Yo^r Hon^rs will find that a parcell of ground within your bounds of this place commonly call'd the Paddy feilds was let out thirty years ago by M^r Yale and Council for Forty Pag^s. ℔ Annum, the lease expir'd the last of December, and we have now let the same ground to substantiall persons upon a lease of twelve years only, for pagodas seven hundred and ten ℔ Annum, and we doubt not but so much improvement will be made in that time, as upon the next lease to make good the whole yearly rent, which we pay into the Kings Treasury viz^t twelve hundred pagodas.

Sixthly Touch^G Factors Writers Officers & Soldiers & Their Accounts.

list of Merchts. ffactors Writers necessary for y^e [busi]-nessundr. ys. Presidency [sent] in y^e packet.

49. In compliance with your Commands in the 117^th paragraph of your Letter by the Avarilla and our promise by the Aurengzeb we send an account in this packet numbered (38) of what Merchants Factors and Writers are necessary for keeping up your business under this Presidency in all its branches, which if your Hon^rs approve, you will be pleas'd to supply us every year accordingly, [. . .] The number we now have—[*about a line lost*] or we should have occasion to settle Diu Island which would [require] more good hands than we are able to spare.

A List of Covenanted servts sent in y^e Packet wch shows how every one is employ'd those esteem^d best qualified are employ'd under y^e Govr. &c. in y^e offices.

50. We send your Hon^rs likewise in this packet a compleat list numbered (14) of all yo^r Covenant servants under this presidency drawn in the form prescrib'd, with an account how they are at present employ'd in every Factory, you will easily discern thereby wh[at] part of the list is the [weakest] and what sort of help it will be most for your Interest to send us. You are pleas'd to order us in the same parag^hs. to advise you openly which of your Factors & Writers best deserve your Favour, for understanding, honesty, & application [to] business, which are [next], and which least deserving or for understanding and application you will find those whom we [esteem] best qualified employ'd immediately under the Govern^r. the accomptant, and [Secretary] where there is most

usefull work to be done, at the same time it would [be] injustice in us not to own that there are good men in other stations [. . .] as they enjoy purquesites and for that reason are always soliciting for [. . .] and fond of continuing in their stations, [some] distinguishing marks of your Favour conferr'd upon such as do the drudgery of your [service] in the most valuable branches for sallary only would in our humble opinion greatly contribute to the having yo^{r} business perfectly well done hereafter. If all were equally capable we should have no trouble, and every Writer having serv'd a reasonable [time] under the Secretary, [and the Accom]mptant, & Warehousekeeper might go to a perquisite place [and] be wanted, which would be a just reward for his good services, [but y^{e}] case is quite different at present, we cannot part with those out of [y^{e}. . .] offices that are most preferable, for their understanding & application, which is a hardship upon them to be advantageous employs given to those that have not equal pretensions, and therefore they [depend] wholly on your goodness to rewar'd them as you think convenient.

[Concern^{s}.] y^{e} 3^{d} qualification of [Ho]nesty. all yo^{r} servants [seem] to deserve yo^{r} favour in that point.

51. As to the third Qualification of [Honesty] we cannot well make any distinction in classes as you are plea[sed to] direct. We know nothing to the contrary but that all equally deserving your Favour in that point, and when there is occasion given to [. . .] any in a second, and third degree, we must be of opinion they [are] no longer fit for your service, the putting yo^{r} orders in execution [. . .] year by dismissing M^{r}. Aynsworth together with his absence, has had so good an effect, that since his departure yo^{r} President has not [had] the least complaint made against any of your Covenanted servants every [one after the Duty] of his station to the best of his cap[acity and . .] all are [. . .]

James Hubbard writer [re]commended for his deligence in ye Accompts. office

52. We must not leave this subject, without acqu[ainting] Your Hon^{rs}. . that James Hubbard who came out a writer upon the Marlbrō Anno 1712, has by continual application in y^{e} accomptants office made himself so much master of that business to be one of the usefullest hands we have and we dare promise he will make you an able accompt^{t}., there are so few that apply themselves to this valuable branch of your business because of the Drudgery, that we are often in distress for want of assistance But if you please to distinguish this industrious youth (that has no friends to appear for him) with some mark of your Favour it will incite others to tread in his steps and the present evill will be effectually remedied, especially if you please to send no writers nor Factors but such as upon strict examination are found to be well grounded in Merchants accompts.

[what] alteras. mortality has [made] may be seen in the [list] in the packet.

53. What alteration mortality has made among your Covenanted servants will appear in the list N° 4 that comes in the packet to which give us leave to referr you, & y^{t} of the military will be found in the list of Burialls sign'd by y^{e} Ministers, it has fallen hard upon the new Commers that were the best recruits we have receiv'd for many years, however our Garrisons are numerous enuff, and if the next ships should bring the usuall supplys, you may be pleas'd to forbear sending any the year after, for we would willingly reduce the garrisons of this place and Fort S^{t} David to seven hundred men or thereabouts by degrees, and when that is done, fifty good men yearly sent us will be a sufficient recruit unless some very extraordinary mortality happens.

Tellicherri beg beseigh'd y^{e}. Recruits &c. sent y.^{m} [at] their earnest request.

54. Your chief and Councill of Callicutt & Tellicherry having advis'd us in May last that the latter place was straightly beseig'd by the natives and in danger of being lost unless they could be supply'd with men and Ammunition, in which Bombay had faild them, we made use of the first opportunity by a Country ship in October to send them what ammunition and other stores they wrote for, of which there is a List enter'd after Consultation the 21st October, with an Ensign and ten of our best men, which were as many as we durst venture upon that conveyance, no other opportunity has since offer'd nor have we had any further advise from Callicutt.

Covenants of Harris, Emmerson [& Willford] come in the [packet] [also security bond of Ma[ubert. [Particulars] re] lat.g to MatWelds suspension be.g taken off, his beg. reinstated.

55. The Covenants of William Harris, John Emmerson and Thomas Willford Factors are executed and inclos'd in this packet N° 25. [also the] security [bond] of M^{r}. John Maubert essay [master] [*one line lost*]

56. In our last years letters by the Londo[n we] acquainted Your Hon.^{rs} with our reasons for suspending M^{r}. Matthew Weld one of your Fort S^{t} David Councill, there were severall other particulars found against him afterwards which requird him to examin into the story would be too tedious for this Letter, and therefore we beg leave to referr you to our Consultations of the 18th and 20th. of December and 3^{d} ult°., where every thing is fully explain'd and submitted to your Hon^{rs} Judgements as a very exraordinary case, in the mean time we have reinstated him as he do's not appear to be guilty of any fraud or breach of trust, though there were grounds for suspition in the article of Tim[ber] and plank, but then he is cleard by the Deputy Govern.^{r} and Counc[ell] passing his accounts, and nothing prov'd against him, and as to the [adv] ances due from him for which he was suspended, there is something to be said in his favour more than mention'd in our Consultations, which is that he was confin'd to his chamber by a broken thigh, and could not appear in councill to pay the money in himself as usuall, therefore [sent] it to the Deputy Govern.^{r} who thought fit to apply it to his own use instead of paying it into Cash, as he has since acknowledg'd under his hand.

Alex^{a}. Bennet at his request ꝑmitted to lay down y^{e} service.

57. M^{r}. Alexander Bennet having petition'd us in Consultation of y^{e} 10th. ult°. to lay down your service, and take passage upon this ship we could not refuse him so modest a request.

Of Mrs ffleetwood mak.g y^{e}. Presid.t & Coun.ll &c.a her Execuṭs. direct.s desir'd if such a trust may be accepted

58. The Widow of M^{r}. Edward Fleetwood whom yo^{r} Hon.^{rs} thought fit to appoint second of this place being lately dead, has by will made this board joyntly with the ministers and Church Wardens her Executors, we could not well refuse the trust in behalf of y^{e} poor orphans though we had no precedent of this nature to guide ourselves by, and therefore request Your Hon^{rs}. directions how we shall behave ourselves in cases of the like nature hereafter all we propose at present is to give our utmost assistance to y^{e} Ministers and Church wardens, having appointed two persons from the board to act joyntly with them.

Hen: Cottrells Accots. sent in y^{e} Packet accord^{g}. to promise

59. According to promise in our last we send the acco^{t}.^{s}of M^{r}. Henry Cottrel deceas'd in the packet N° 40 as they were transmitted us from Fort S^{t} David, the ballance due from him upon your Books as storekeeper has been but very lately recover'd, he is indebted to severall other persons at Fort S^{t} David as his accounts fairly make appear and the Creditors are in hopes his relations will be so just to order the payment of y^{e} money.

Tho.s ffaucets declaration [about] y^{e} ffresh provisions put [aboard y^{e}.] Heathcote for Mr. [Pitt]

60. We have examin'd M^{r}. Thomas Faucet since his arrivall here concerning the article of Fresh provisions that were put aboard the Heathcott by him as steward on account of your late President M^{r}. Pitt for his passage homeward bound, who declares that he had not only Govern^{r}. [Fraser's] orders for what he [did] likewise M^{r}. Mountagues who acted [during the] Governours indisposition and M^{r}. Fredericks that was [then] Paymaster and it appears further by evidence of these who were present, that when y^{e} Stewards accounts came to be passd and Gover.^{r} Fraser excepted against allowing that article, he was overrul'd by a Majority of y^{r} Council y^{t} declar'd they had consented thereto, and accordingly y^{e} account was pass'd and the mony paid upon which consideration we Doubt not but Yo^{r} Hon^{rs} will change your opinions as to M^{r} Addisons estate refunding y^{e} money.

[Relat^{g} to Mr] Mat Empson warehouskeṛs ballance.

61. In compliance with our promise by y^{e} Joseph we are in the next place to answer your 121st paragraph by y^{e} Avarilla relating to Matthew Empson Warehousekeepers ballance, we have made a further scrutiny into that affair, and find that the mony paid out of your Cash to y^{e} Widows Attornies which amounted to no more than twelve hundred Pagodas was agreed to and order'd in Consul-

tation though we happen'd to mention the Govern^{r} only in our 191st parag^{h} by y^{e} Dartmouth, so that with submission the Govern^{r} singly cannot be accountable, and those of y^{e} Councill that were in being since this business has been under examination, have often declar'd they had your orders under consideration when the money was permitted to be paid, and the board was then of opinion that Empson was no ways indebted, Mess.^{rs} Raworth and Martin being present that had the supervising and makeing up of y^{e} accounts committed to their care, and makeing no objection to y^{e} Payment of y^{e} money according to y^{e} Letter of your orders.

[...] ye. affr. of Mat: Empsons ball^{e}. continued, & Mrs. Empsons remonstrance referr'd to.

62. We have again call'd upon the Widow Empson for the foremention'd ballance as you may please to observe in Consultation of the 30th. Novemb^{r}. and in that of y^{e}. 14 December she delivered us in a remonstrance of her case which in our humble opinion is a very hard one, as the board took the management of his estate into their hands, and did not take care to oblige y^{e}. two persons whom they appointed to act to make a speedy report from whom the balance was really due, and to endeavour the recovery of it, instead of which the matter lay dormant upwards of two years, and even then nothing was done to the purpose towards gett^{s}. a true light into the affair till your President arriv'd, though it was always taken for granted that Empson did not use y^{e}. money, or else we are very sure that M^{r}. Pitt who was in place near two years after his decease would have secur'd Your Hon^{rs}. debt first out of his estate, which all went through your Paymasters hands, and severall large sums were paid away to other people to whom he was indebted, and this we take y^{e} Liberty to say both because we know M^{r}. Pitt was an exact man in all cases of this nature, and there could be no pretence of his showing Favour to M^{r}. Empson that was his declar'd enemy. The Widow humbly pray Your Hon^{rs}. to consider the hardship she has already suffer'd and knows of nothing she has left [but the old] dwelling houses [out of the] plentifull fortune she brought to M^{r}. Empson upon marriage.

Of y^{e}. Bills given Capt. Roach for Mr. Raworths concern in ye. Wm. & Richd.

63. In our 18th. paragraph by y^{e}. Aurengzeb we advis'd the arrival of ship William and Richard at Fort S^{t}. David wherein M^{r}. Raworth was about half concern'd, the produce of which being pagodas two thousand one hundred Forty one and thirty two fanams was paid by Lieu^{t}. Roach his attorny into your Fort S^{t}. David Cash, and they gave him a bill of exchange upon us for y^{e} same value receiv'd, wherefore for method sake we were oblig'd to pay y^{e} money and attach it M^{r}. Raworth had afterwards in Roach's hands upon which he produc'd a fair assignment that made him of his whole concern in the foremention'd ship, and deliver'd us a memorial setting forth the nature of his account with M^{r}. Raworth for y^{e}. ballance of which the assignment was given, the said memorial is enter'd [in] consultation the 30th. November, and we have y^{e}. accounts under examination but the dispatch of these ships takes up all our time at present.

Jn^{o}. Lauder permitted to write in ye. Secry. office &c.

64. We have permitted one John Lauder a modest sober lad born of Europe parents and bred in Europe to write in the Sec^{ry}. Office, at the request of his relations that are old and considerable inhabitants of this place, their intention being to apply to your Hon^{rs}. for y^{e}. favour of admission into your service upon giving good security if you are pleas'd to grant their request he will undoubtedly be well qualified by the time your orders arrive.

Of Mr. Hastings being cleared of wt. Mr. ffaucet lay'd to his charge.

65. M^{r}. Francis Hastings arriv'd here from Vizagp^{m}. the 23^{d} October and delivered in his answer to M^{r}. Faucetts charge are enter'd after Consultation of the 26 of y^{e}. same month. On y^{e}. 29th. that affair was fully examin'd and debated as your Hon^{rs}. may please to observe upon that days Consultation, and M^{r}. Hastings fairly and honourably acquitted of those two heavy articles viz^{t}. the extorting mony forcibly from y^{e}. merch^{ts}. and Defrauding the military, and other servants of their pay.

ye. affr. of y^{e}. money sent y^{e}. Merchts. return'd back by y^{e}. same peons to Mr. Hasts'

66. However it appears to the Board upon examination of this matter, that severall sums of money amounting to between two and three thousand Pagodas had been sent back by y^{e}. Merchants to M^{r}. Hastings out of what was advanc'd them at M^{r}. Faucets request for carrying on the Investment, though M^{r}. Hastings makes appear that this mony was fairly owing him on account, and though they

do not deny but that they sent it voluntarily. The board thought it but just to order that in case the merch^{ts}. do not compleat that Investment, nor make good the ballance of what advanc'd them, M^{r}. Hastings shall refund what he receiv'd from them or as much thereof as it will make good the ballance, for which judgement we have given our reasons in the forementioned Consultation, but M^{r}. Hastings, thinks himself therein a little severely dealt with, and in a memorial deliver'd the 15th. November desires an appeal to your Hon^{rs}. [for] reason therein mentioned in the meantime we have hopes to [recover] the mony of the merchants themselves, and if we do not succeed shall waite your further orders in regard to him.

Reas. why Mr. ffaucet was not dismiss'd the service.

67. As for M^{r}. Faucet, that would never have let us into the secret of the mony being return'd by his own confession, had not Mr. Hastings threaten'd him with ruin in case of Failure in the investment, we should have dismiss'd him the service as well on that account, as for his leaving Ingerum in the manner he did without our permission, which put a stop to all business, and was an apparent breach of orders, but we were apprehensive of discourageing others from giving us such information hereafter as are necessary for the management of your affairs in subordinate Factorys, and therefore that part of the information being true in fact that the mony was sent back to Vizagapatam, Yours Hon^{rs}. may please to observe we slid over the malicious additions made by M^{r}. Faucet without any censure on acco^{t}. of his false charge or ill conduct, but as to the article of maladministration, which appears to be entirely False and scandalous in all the particulars, even from the evidence of those very persons cited by M^{r}. Faucet to back his information, and by the General voice of all person's that ever have been at Vizagapatam either in your service, or on their own affairs, we thought it but just reparation that M^{r}. Faucet should ask pardon for falsly aspersing the reputation of his superior in so publick a manner, but his rancour is too great, he, has refus'd to comply, and he will still have M^{r}. Hastings to be guilty of having maltreated those persons that solemnly protest they have never had any ill usage from him whatsoever.

Mr. ffaucets character given.

68. You Hon^{rs}. will please to consider the Characters of these two Gentlemen, One has serv'd you in a Cheifship many years with applause, and his conduct has very lately been approv'd by the promotion you have honour'd him with, the other has never been thought capable of any considerable trust, by reason of a Moon Frenzy that seldom fails him full and change, besides he is intollerably addicted to drinking, old, perverse, and ignorant in business, a Phisician if any thing but not enuff of that to keep him from starveing even in this Country where Doctors are so scarce, wherefore we shall not think it any prejudice to Your affairs if we are oblig'd to dismiss him for not complying with our orders that were so mildly drawn up on purpose to give him an opportunity of saveing himself by a becoming submission. We beg pardon for detaining you so long upon this subject, which we were willing to set in a true light, well knowing y^{t}. when a man is once openly accus'd, let him clear himself never so well some ill natur'd reflections will remain among such as are prejudic'd against him, the fact appears as we have related it, and we can lay nothing to M^{r}. Hastings's Charge except the endeavouring to recover mony justly due to him at an unseasonable time in regard to your affairs, which he would have scorn'd to do if M^{r}. Faucet had given him the Least intimation of the merch^{ts}. making that an excuse for their non compliance and [You^{r}.] Hon^{rs}. upon perusal of what he says for himself shall Judge that to be a [Criminal] we hope our sentence of restitution in case the merchants fail on their part will [be] thought a sufficient punishment.

Seventhly Touching Accounts.

Genll. Book sent.

69. Our Generall books come by this ship in box Letter C, the frequent changes in the Accomptants office have been a hinderance to the ballanceing or else they would have come by the Aurengeb M^{r}. Na[nney] has been very assisting

to us upon this occasion though he has the weight of receiving of the sea customs upon him besides.

Relatg to retrenchg. the expences at ffort St. David.

70. We have been heartily endeavouring to retrench the extravagant expence of Fort St. David as your Honrs. may please to observe in our Consultations the 2 [. . .] October and 27th. November. In our book of Letters sent N°. 104 and 112, and in their answers receiv'd N°. 169 and N°. 1, the Deputy Governr. has been sincere in this affair as you will see in their Paymasters accots. of December, which we shall order to be sent upon the Cardigan, we propose to make a further progress by degrees, but the seeds of this extravagance have been sowing ever since Mr. Haynes died, and every successor has made some improvements to the time of Mr. Raworths revolt, as your Honrs. will easil[y] observe upon the books now sent you, the last years expence being the most exorbitant of all, though the Warr was ended in the Aprill before, and we are very sure it would never have been Lessen'd if that Gentleman had continued in Post.

a beginng. likewise made at Vizagapatam.

71. We have made a beginning likewise to retrench [at] Vizagapatam, though the Government is so unsettled that we have not been able to do so much hitherto as we design'd, and the buildings are in so decay'd a Condition that constant repairs are absolutely necessary, b[u]t intollerably expensive. We beg leave to referr Yor Honrs. to a report lately made us by Mr. Hastings of the Condition of Vizagapatam, Maslipatam, and Madapollam Factorys, with remarks upon the state of the trade in those parts, which is entered after consultation the 22d Ult°.

[of] Repairg the old Factory at Madapollam..

72. We expect two hundred bales more of Long Cloth and sallampores from Vizagapatam, and Ganjam every day, and as soon as these ships are gone shall set about repairing the old Factory at Madapollam that is much the best, by pulling down the new that will otherwise [fa]ll of itself next rains, the present expence of those Factorys appear plain upon your Generall books, which was the reason we did not send it apart by the Dartmouth in 1712, and for less money they cannot be maintain'd and kept from falling down.

[Of] mony recovered from the [renters of] ffts St David.

73. In the 99th paragraph of your Letter ℔ Joseph we gave your Honrs. hopes of recovering a sum of money of the rent of Fort St. David [*a few words lost*] those persons were very perplex'd and much time has been spent--in the examination of them, but at last we are got so farr as to be certain of their being considerably indebted to the said renters, and upon [securing] their persons we have brought them to offer us good security for paymt. of six thousand Pagodas in four months time, which considering the intricacy of the affair we have ordered Your Deptv Governr & Councill to accept upon limitations, as you may please to observe in our Letter of the 22d Ult°., this matter might have been [more] advantageously ended long ago had our orders been of the same value at Fort St David as they now are but of this we have said enuff in Former Letters. We are oblig'd to pay a legacy of about one thousand Pagodas out of this money due from the persons that made the discovery where the amounts lay hid and one have hopes of getting some further reparation by the help of the same persons.

Wm Martins Accot. Currt. sent with the Packet.

74. We have debited Mr. William Martin one half of the Warehouse ballance due from him and Mr. Raworth joyntly, and his accot. Currt. now stands according to the draught that comes in the packet N° 42 what he left in deposit here is great part [in] Manilha, and we have reason to fear will come but short home by the late advices we have receiv'd from thence.

Accot. of wt effects we have been able to get of Tonapas [effects in] ye packet.

75. We send in the packet N° 48 on account of what we have been able to get in of Tonnapas effects, and notwithstanding the false representation that have been made to your Honrs. of our proceedgs in this affair, we are ready to prove the Contrary, and hope your Honrs. will believe that we have done and will continue to do our best for secureg. whatever he has in the World to be at your disposal.

Serrapas Houses & Gardens sold to clear his debt.

76. We have sold Serrapas Houses and Gardens and that Debt will be discharg'd upon your new Books now in hand, but when we came to examin the mortgage bond it did not carry Interest, and in commiseration to his indigent circumstances, after having been your chief merchant so many years, we have discharg'd

him for the principle, and he has little or nothing left besides the house he lives in, Our proceedinges in this affair will appear upon Consultations of the [2th] of Novemr; 3d, 9th & 18th of December and 3d ultº.

77. Messrs. Thos. Cooke & Jnº. Legg Trustees to Richard Smith deceas'd, have not been able to clear the accot. of his estate so as to pay the ballance thereof into your Cash in time for these ships but promises to do it as soon as possible and are of opinion the remaindar will not come to more than pagodas two hundred.

Reas. why Messrs. Cooke & Legg did not clear ye. Accots. of Mr. Richd. Smiths estate by ys. ship.,

EIGHTHLY TOUCHG. THE WEST COAST.

78. What advices we have recd. from [*some lines lost*] since the Departure of the AurengZeb dated the [. . .] July and 10 [. . .] but came not to hand till the 15th of December by reason the ship that brought them was forc'd by the Monsoon to Bengall what supplys we sent th[em] by the Mercury and Avarilla we find were safely arriv'd, and there is a very [large] prospect of the latters being dispatch'd early to you with a full Loading of pepper.

[. . . shi]ps are arrd. [. . .] Coast:

79. Under the head of shipping we mention'd the two seperate ships Delicia and Clapham Galleys being arriv'd Bencoolen the Clapham got thither first on the 8th. of August, when your Deptv. Governr. & Council bes. unacquainted with your having sent the Arrabella to Madagascar, very gladly embrac'd the opportunity of purchasing One hundred and twenty one men and forty six women slaves, the former at 60 dollars ℔ head and the latter at 4 [. . .] which will be an extraordinary peice of service in case the Arrabella should miscarry, and if she do's arrive safe we can hardly believe she will be able to deliver half the number of slaves contracted for in a marchantable condition, the necessary buildings that must be carried on will now be much more speredily perform'd and a great deal of mony sav'd in Cooleys, which are already all turn'd off, and stood you in four hundred Dollars ℔ Month, the only inconvenience we can foresee will be want of mony to pay for pepper since so large a part of your stock has been diverted this way, but we will use our utmost endeavours that they may not be reduc'd to any streights on that account.

Concerns. the septe. stock ships.

80. We have now got a plan of ye. Fort which they intend to build upon a hill under the name of Marlborough, but as we find they have already given your Honrs. so full an account of what they intend to do, we shall not need to repeat it, the projection seems to us very good, whi[ch before] we have ordered them to proceed vigorously, and shall send Mr. Elisha Ellil (upon the President that is daily expected from Bengall) to assist in this undertaking, he has now serv'd near five years under Covenants and three of them as Gunner at Fort St. David, he is very well vers'd in building; and the most usefull man we can think off, for that service, wherefore we have appointed him youngest of Councill.

Of the new ffort Building at ye. West Coast.

81. Finding by our last advices that there is no possibility of getting sloops as expected from Batavia as long as this Generall continues in place, we have purchas'd a new one here f[itte]d, and sheath'd her extraordinary well, intending to load her with rice and provisions, and send her over in Company with your ship President, and shall endeavour to provide them with another as soon as opportunity offers.

a sloop bought for ye. West Coast.

NINTHLY TOUCHG. ST. HELLENA.

82. Pursuant to your order under the 12th February ℔ St George we have receiv'd a parcell of our West Coast Copper [. . .] Farthings & halfpence, which come out some thin [. . .] pleas'd [. . .] to the price Copper is now at here] one half of them aboard this ship and shall send the remainder [by . . .] that Follows.

[. . .] farthings & half pence for [St. Helena.]

83. We have likewise coin'd one hundred pound value of Bullion into silver Fanams, which are Invoic'd at three pence each and one half of them put aboard this ship according to order: the profit being brought to your account, but upon

Fanams coin'd for ye. use of [St. Helena.]

the Copper Coinage there is no profit as you may please to observe in the mint acco^{t}. of the Coinage that comes in the packet N^{o}. 48 with musters of the Farthings, halfpence, and Fanams sealed up in it, the stamp intended was the Crest of your arms on one side, and your mark on the other, but our engravers have perform'd the former but very indifferently, The Copy of the S^{t}. Hellena invoice that comes in the packet N^{o}. 50 will show your Hon^{rs}. what is laden upon this ship.

Concerns. seeds proper for St. Helena.

84. We have no seeds here of any value or fit to send to S^{t}. Hellena but what came to us from other parts of India, but we now write the Gentlemen there who are the properest Judges, to send us word what they are of opinion will be fittest for the Climate that we may supply them accordingly, as for plants we have very few of any vallue here, your homeward bound ships being always streighten'd for water, we cannot expect they will ever be taken due care of in so long a passage, wherefore it will be best to supply them from some place nearer. We have put it into the Captains dispatches if he touches at the Cape to procure what seeds and plants are proper for the Island, but the objection they will all make is that they are streighten'd for money, and have not wherewithal to purchase them.

slaves cloathes for St. Helena.

85. As for Cloathing for the slaves we now write your Govern^{r}. & Councill to send us word what sorts of goods will be most prop^{r}. but these ships that now fill up here having taken aboard their Full Tonage for S^{t}. Hellena in the Ba[y] we cannot put anything aboard them.

SUPPLEMENT.

[a] few Bales of Brown goods put on board to fill ye. ship up.

86. Notwithstanding our utmost endeavours to fill this ship with white goods (and the Captain will be so just to testify that we have workd night and day eversince we knew the Gentlemen in Bengall intended us so many bales less than we expected) some few days of unusual rain in January have oblig'd us to fill up with a few bales of Brown Cloth rather than detain the ship longer at this season of the year.

Of Ye. Vizagapm. & Ganjam Lg. Cloth & salamp^{rs}. by y^{e}. ship, also of [Ye.] Morees & Neckcloths.

87. We have rec^{d}. about one hundred and Forty Bales more of very good Long cloth and sallampores from Vizagapatam and Ganjam, most part of which came upon this ship, the few moorees and neckcloths are what were remaining of our last years contract, that could not be whiten'd in time for the last ship of the season, and upon your new orders receiv'd this year, we once propos'd to have kept them by us in Warehouse, but being so har'd put to it to fill up this ship has occasion'd us to alter our resolution.

[Reas] why no Madrapuck Beteelaes come on this ship.

88. We had [hopes] when we dispatched the [Aurang Zeb] of procuring a parcell [of] Madrapuck Beeteelaes from eight[y to] hundred pagodas ℔ Corge [which] we suppos'd to be the same your Hon^{rs}. mean that sell so well i[n priv]-ate trade, but the French that are much nearer the place where they are made, have rais'd the price to such an extravagant rate that we have not been able to contract for them here on such terms as to hope for your [appro]val and there is no such thing as purchas^{g}. them for ready money.

Concerns. Ye Certificate for such as send out Bullion upon Lycence

89. We [must] not omit to acknowledge the receipt of a form of a certificate to be given [such] as sent out Bullion &c^{a}. upon licence, that come inclos'd in a Letter from M^{r}. Secretary Wooley dated the 5th. February by the S^{t}. George and the [ord]ers relating thereto shall be duly comply'd with.

Concern^{g}. Ye goods suppos'd to be ship aboard Ye. Aurg. Zeb by Capt. Luhorne.

90. When we receiv'd your order from M^{r}. Secretary dated the 8th. February by the S^{t}. George relating to Guns &c^{a}. clandestinely ship'd aboard the Aureng-Zeb, she was above half laden for Europe, and we do not find upon strict enquiry that any such goods as you are pleased to mention were ever landed here.

ffr. S^{t}. David Pay M^{rs}. Acco^{t}. for Decr. sen home.

91. Having just now receiv'd from Fort S^{t}. David their Paymasters Acco^{t}. for December last we send it in the packet N^{o}. 51 that your Hon^{rs}. may perceive the good effect our orders have met with towards retrenching their expences.

92. We cannot close this Letter without ℔ticularly recommending Young Mr. John Turton to some distinguishs. mark of your Favour whose Diligence in your business and good behaviour in generall encouraged us to answer for his making you a very valuable servant. Jno. Turton recommended.

93. Mr. Bernard Benyon third at the board departed this Life the 5th Instant, and in reguard to your order for keeping the Councill full, repeated in your last letter by the Avarilla, we have taken in Mr. Randall Fowke senior servant on ye List who has been a faithfull drudge in all the branches of your business. of Mr. Benyons death & Mr. Fowke beg. taken into Counll.

94. The Cardigan to our great surprize is not yet in sight we have one Thousand bales ready at Fort St. David 700 of which are cur'd and Pack'd, which we beleive are more than she can take in, but the winds draw southerly and her passage will be in danger unless she arrives very speedily, we will not loose a moments time here in taking out what [she] has aboard, and sends her away, and when she is Dispatch'd we shall have about 600 bales of brown Cloth left here and at Fort St. David. of Ye. readiness we are in to dispatch Ye. Cardigan.

95. We have made shift at last to fill the ship without putting any brown Cloth aboard her she brings, 1424 bales from hence besides her Bengall Cargo and the whole Invoice amounts to 154494Pa. 19fa. 2 Cash we heartily wish her a safe and speedy passage, and are with the greatest respect. ys. ship fill'd up wth.out putts. any Brown Goods aboard.

Fort St. George,
Febry. 12th. 17$\frac{14}{15}$.

Honble Srs.
Your [most] Faith [ful humble]
Servants
[*Signatures lost*]

Parag th. 41 Omitted to be [Sent] & is here put in.

41. [In] the next place we pray your Hons. to consider that [being] under a necessity of building new Godowns before the receipt of Your. last letters having no secure place to lodge your bales in and [. . .] did in the Fort upon presumption that you wou'd order the [said] necessary buildings there as a place much more secure against [all] sorts of Enemys than Cuddalore is ever capable of being [made] these Godowns are indeed spacious and very well built so as to last one hundred years they stand you in above three thousand Pagodas as Mr. Raworth and his Friend Harrison the then Paymaster manag'd the matter and if the Fort should be demolish'd these godowns must either be [comprehended] in the new Fortification propos'd or else they would be wholly useless. We have like wise been oblig'd for security of our Magazines to make severall new arch'd godowns under the Curtains which stand in about one thousand Pagodas more and will all be lost if the Fort is Pull'd down. Concerng. the Builds. at ffort St. David.

General Letter from Fort St. George to the Company, dated February 22, 1715. [*Public Despatches to the Company, Vol. 4, p. 100.*]

To The Honble. Yr. Court of Directors

Honble.

Per Cardigan.

Since ye. foregoing by the Hanover that was despatch'd hence ye. 12th. and saild ye. 19th. in ye. morning we have impatiently waited for this ship from Bengall but it seems they did not dispatch her from Coxes till ye. 26th. ulto. and it was ye 19th. at noon she arriv'd in ys. road we have lost no time in getting everything ashoar yt. came upon her for ye. use of ys. Presidency and yesterday we gave ye. Capt. his dispatch for F St. David in hopes yt. he might get up in time to take in ye. bales wch. lie ready for him & be dispatch'd by ye last of ys. month wch. is ye. time limitted in your last stands. orders we have given directions to F St. David yt. no time may be lost & if ys. ship do's not at last get her passage about ye. Cape we cannot think ourselves any way to blame since we have done our part and there have been more bales ready yn. she will be able to take in ever since ye. 10th. instant.

We have laden on board this ship ye. remainder of ye. fans. & Copper mony for ye. use of St. Hellena of wch. yo. have a ℔ticulr. acct. in ye. Copy of ye. invoice

y^t^. comes in y^e^. box A N°. 21 w^ch^. we have put aboard here w^th^. severall dup^te^. Books of w^t^. sent by y^e^ Hanover & y^se^. dispatches are forwarded overland to F S^t^. David to be delivered to y^e^. Cap^t^. there.

Herewith we send yo^r^. Hon^rs^. y^e^. Bengall Inv^s^. of what laden by your Presid^t^. & Coun^ll^. on board y^s^. ship & we have directed y^e^. Dep^ty^. Gov^r^. & Coun^ll^. of Fort S^t^. David to send y^o^. their inv^s^. a part by itself with all necessary occurrences relat^s^. to y^e^. ships despatch as also their Paymasters acco^ts^. for y^e^. mo^th^. of Jan^ry^. by w^ch^. y^e^. will see w^t^. progress they have made in retrenching their expences.

We are very sorry so rich a ship should happen to be dispatchd. so late it do's not consist w^th^. prudence but could no way be avoided on our part. We heartily pray for her safe arrivall not doubting but she will be welcome if she saves her passage since you have so small a number of bales upon y^e^. Hanover & it [appearing y^t^.] y^e^. S^t^. George will not be able to save her passage since she had not [. . .] on y^e^. 29^th^. ult^o^. and [there was . .] never [*a line lost*] & Hanover we shall Detain you no longer than to wish you success in all yo^r^. affairs at home and abroad and to repeat our ass[urance] that we are with y^e^. greatest Zeal & respect.

Feb^ry^. the 22^d^. $17\frac{14}{15}$.

Honourable,
Your most obed^t^. and
Faithfull hum[ble] servants
[*signatures lost.*]

Letter to S^t^. Helena dated February 12,1715. [*Public Despatches to England, Vol. 4, p.* 101.]

To The Worsh^ll^. the Govern^r^.
& Coun^ll^. of S^t^. Hellena.

Worsh^ll^. S^r^. &c^a^.

Pursuant to an order lately receiv'd from our Right Hon^ble^. Masters we have loaden on board this ship Hanover three Chest containing silver Fanams copper Farthings & halfpence according to the inclos'd Invoice and bill of lading for the use of yo^r^. Island. They are as well perform'd as we could possibly have them done here and we doubt not but you have receiv'd proper Directions concerning the [employ]ment of them we have the same quantity to send you upon the next ship that Follows.

We would be glad to know by the first opportunity if any seeds or plants will be usefull to send you as for the latter 'tis a Long Voyage and we fear the Captains will grudge their wa[tering] however we will do our best to supply you.

We desire likewise to know what sort of Clothing will be best for your slaves we would have endeavour'd to guess at it, but that these ships now upon dispatch have taken in them Full Tonage for your place in Bengall so that we can put nothing more aboard them we wish you health & success and are

Worsh^ll^. S^r^. &c^a^.
Yo^r^. Very hum^ble^. serv^ts^.
Edw^d^. Harrison.
Jn.H.
W.W.
R.H.
J.S.
T.C.
J L.
J.C.
R.F.

Fort St. George
12th February $17\frac{14}{15}$.

LETTER TO CAPTAIN JAMES OSBORN, COMMANDER OF THE HANNOVER, DATED FEBRUARY 12,1715. [*Public Despatches to England, Vol. 4, pp. 102–103.*]

[To] CAP^r^. JAMES OSBORN
COMAND^R^. OF SHIP HANNOVER

Your ship being fully Laden you are hereby order'd to repair on board and with the first opportunity of Wind and weather to proceed and make the best of your way for the Port of London and whatever Port of Great Brittain you arrive first at we order you to send away your purser with our Packet delivered you in a Box mark'd A directed to the Hon^ble^. the Court of Directors for affairs of the R^t^. Hon^ble^. United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies to whom your ship goes consign'd.

We likewise deliver you a Flying Packet letter B which you are to Forward by Post or Express immediately upon you^r^ arrival in any Port of Europe where conveyance can be had, tak^e^. care to write yourself to the Hon^ble^. Directors with an acco^t^. of what has happen'd material in your voyage that they may have no cause to Complain as Formerly for want of advices when at the same time our Packet has been detain'd aboard.

But if you arrive first in any Port of Great Brittain you may likewise send the Packet B along with your Purser or whomever you appointed to carry the Box mark'd A provided you think he will get to London sooner then the Post otherwise deliver it to the Postmaster to be forwarded by express to the Post house in London.

If any unforeseen accident should oblige you to put for Mauritius you must avoid the Northermost Harbour and Carpenters Bay for fear of Pyrates and make for the Southeast Harbour where the Dutch formerly had a settlement.

You are requir'd to touch only at S^t^. Hellena in your way home for refreshment where you must bring your ship to an Anchor before you come open with Chappel valley near Mundens Point if you dont meet with good anchor hold sooner from whence you must send your boat ashore to give the Govern^r^. intelligence who you are because he has orders to fire at any strange ship that endeavours to pass that point before he knows what they are and whence they come and we do not yet know whether those orders are countermanded since the Peace.

We strictly enjoyn you as formerly not to come near any ship at sea if possible to be avoided unless you have secure signalls beforehand concerted so as to know they are of your Companions because there may be Pyrates abroad as formerly.

It is the desire of our R^t^. Hon^ble^. Masters that if you should happen to touch at the Cape you will endeavour [to] procure what seeds and Plants are proper for the soil and Climate of S^t^. Hellena and carry them to the Govern^r^. & Council who will readily reimburse you for whatever charge you are at in procuring them this is a great piece of service to the Publick and therefore we dont doubt but you will have it in mind.

We wish you a prosperous voyage and date this in Fort S^t^. George this 12^th^. Day of February 17$\frac{1}{1}\frac{4}{5}$.

LIST OF THE PACKET TO GREAT BRITAIN ℔ SHIP HANNOVER.

1. Generall Letter dated the 12^th^. Feb^ry^. 17 $\frac{1}{1}\frac{4}{5}$.
2. Invoice of ship Hannover amo^s^. to pag^s^. 154492. 19. 2.
3. Bill of Lading of d^o^.
4. Duplicates of the generall Letters ℔ ship AurengZeb dated Oct^r^. 9 & 10 1714.
5. Duplicate of y^e^. AurengZebs Invoice to Great Brittain.
6. 2^d^. bill of lading of D^o^.
7. Duplicate of the AurengZebs Inv^e^. to S^t^. Hellena.
8. Copy of the Register of Diamonds ℔ ship AurengZeb

9. Copy of the List of goods register'd ℔ Cap^{t}. Luhorn.
10. Duplicate of the Madapollam Yatchs acco^{t}. Curr^{t}.
11. Duplicate of the Imp^{t}. W.h. keepe^{rs}. list of Diamonds for y^{e}. year 1716.
12. Duplicate of the storekeepers List of diamonds for y^{e}. year 1716.
13. Copy of the List of the Packet ℔ ship AurengZeb.
14. List of Covenanted servants and inhabit^{ts}. in Presidenc^{y} of the Coast of Choromandell.
15. Cap^{t}. Osbornes request for 300 bags of salt petre.
16. Acco^{t}. of ships arrivall and departure from Fort S^{t}. George Anno 1714.
17. List of Marriages Christenings and Burialls for the year 1714.
18. List of Burials at Fort S^{t}. David Anno 1714.
19. List of the first Company of soldiers in Fort S^{t}. George.
20. List of the second d^{o}.
21. List of the third d^{o}.
22. List of the Gunroom C[rew].
23. List of the 3 Compa^{s}. of soldiers and Gunroom Crew in Fort St. David.
24. Fort S^{t}. George Cash acco^{t}. for January.
25. Mess.^{rs} Emmerson Westford and Harris's Factors Covenants.
26. Sealed Letter from the Surat shipping.
27. List of broad Cloth remain^{s}. in the Warehouse to y^{e}. ult^{o}. Decem^{r}. 1714.
28. Acco^{t}. Sales of Corrall.
29. Doct^{r} Jolleys report of the Chest of medicines that came out for F. S^{t}. David.
30. Copy of Cap^{t}. Luhorns dispatch Oct^{r}. 10,1714.
31. Copy of a Letter from M^{r}. Surman &c^{a}. entrusted with the Pres^{t}. to the [. . .].
32. Abstract [account] of the grain trade.
[33. *Lost*] . . . . . .
34. Copy of the List of the French & Dutch Contract prizes.
35. Draught of Cuddalore barr in the box of Books Letter C.
36. Draught of the Town of Cuddalore Ditto.
37. Acco^{t}. of the Charge of Demolishing Fort S^{t}. David & build^{s}. at Cuddalore &c^{a}.
38. A list of what merchants Factors and writers are necessary to keep up the business under this [Preside]ncy.
39. Attested Copy of Mr. Jn^{o}. Maubert Essay master security bond.
40. Copy of M^{r}. Henry Cottrel dec^{d}. his accounts.
41. Copy of Cap^{t}. Osborns dispatch dated the 12th Feb^{ry}. $17\frac{14}{15}$.
42. Draught of M^{r}. William Martins acco^{t}. Curr^{t}.
43. Acc^{t}. of what effects goes in of Tonnapas.
44. Sea Cust^{rs}. abstracts from Aprill last to Jan^{ry}. $17\frac{14}{15}$.
45. Storekeep^{r} acco^{t}. of remains to the ullt^{o}. Decem^{r}. $17\frac{14}{15}$.
46. Storekeepers abstracts from July the ult^{o}. Decem^{r}. 1714.
47. Abstract of y^{e}. Land Customs from May 1714 to Jan^{ry}. $17\frac{14}{15}$.
48. Muster of the S^{t}. Hellena money with an acco^{t}. of y^{e}. Coinage.
49. Provis^{ll}. storek^{rs}. abstracts for May June & July 1714.
50. Copy of the Inv^{o}. to S^{t}. Hellena ℔ ship Hannover.
51. Fort S^{t} David Paymasters acco^{ts}. for Decem^{r}. last.
52. Abstract of w^{t}. sent & rec^{d}. from y^{e}. bay from ℔^{mo} May 1714 to ult^{o}. Dec^{r}. 1714.
53. Abst^{t} of the Paymasters acco^{ts}. from the ult^{o}. Augst. to y^{e} ult^{o}. Decem^{r}.
54. List of goods registr'd ℔ Cap^{t} Osborne.
55. Ship Hannovers bill of lading for Salt petre taken in at Sago.
56. Accot^{t} of the R^{t}. Hon^{ble}. Comp^{as}. Farms from the ℔^{mo}. May 1713 to the ult^{o} Jan^{ry}. $17\frac{14}{15}$.
57. Muster roll of ship Hannovers men.
58. Cap^{t} Osbornes receipt for the flying packet.
59. List of the Packet.

LIST OF BOOKS IN BOX LETTER C.—

Fort S^{t}. George Journal M Anno	...	...	1713
Ledger M D ...	...	...	1713
Journall parcells	...	... Commencing	... May 1714
		Ending...	... Nov^{r}. 1714
Diarys & Consult^{a}.	...	... Commen^{g}.	... Oct^{r}. 1714
		Ending ...	... Dec^{r}. 1714
Ditto for Jan^{ry}. ...	...	...	... $17\frac{14}{16}$
Letters sent ...	...	... Commenc^{g}.	... $17\frac{13}{14}$
		Ending ...	... Decr^{r}. 1714
Letters rec^{d}. ...	...	... Commen^{g}.	... D^{o}.
Stewards acco^{ts}....	...	... Anno ...	... 1713
Sea Custom^{rs}. Regist^{r}.	...	... Anno ...	... 1713
Cash acco^{ts}. ...	...	... Commenc^{g}.	... Jan^{ry}. 1713
		Ending ...	... Dec^{r}. 1714
Country Letters...	...	... Commencing[. . .]	1714
Land Cust^{rs} Register	...	... Anno ...	... 1713
Letters sent ...	...	... Commencing	... 31st Decr. 1714
		Ending ...	... January the 28 1714/15
Letters receiv'd...	...	... Commencing	... Jan^{ry}. 3^{d} 1714/15
		Ending ...	... February the 5th 1714/15
Paymasters acco^{ts}.	...	... Anno ...	... 1713
Dup^{ts}. of Fort S^{t}. George Journall & Ledger Lett^{r}. L			1712
Vizagap^{m}. Journ^{ll}. & Ledger		... Letter ...	... 1713
Fort. S^{t}. David Journall ...		... Letter ...	... 1713
Mint Book ...	...	... Anno ...	... 1713

AN ACCO^{T}. OF GRAIN BROUGHT INTO MADRASS, TRIVILICANE &^{CA} VILLAGES WITHIN OUR BOUNDS FROM DECEMB^{R} THE 1ST 1712 TO DECEMBER THE 1ST 1713.

Rice Natcheny. Grain &c^{a}. imported by the sea Custo^{rs}. Books 3603 Garse each garse near four tons at a Moderate valuation 35 pag^{s}. the garse 126105

Paddy imported by Ditto 1694 garse at 20 pag^{s}. 33280

Paddy and other Grain brought in by the renters of the Country and sold out by them at the Banksall by retail 2003 Garse at or about 20 pag^{s}. 40060

Paddy & other Grain from the Country brought into and consum'd at Trivilicane & other places in our bounds 1500 Garse at 20 pag^{s} 30000

Totall amount of Grain brought in as above 229445

It is to be noted that there is much more grain consum'd in a year than the quantity abovemention'd all Inhabitants of any note having laid in a great store the preceeding year that follow'd the scarcity.

E. HARRISON.
FRA^{s}. HASTINGS.
WILLIAM WARRE.
RICH^{D} HORDEN.
JOS: SMART.
THO^{s}. COOKE.
JOHN LEGG.
JOS: COOKE.
[RAND: FOWKE.]

LETTER TO ST. HELENA, DATED FEBRUARY 21, 1715. [*Public Despatches to England, Vol. 4, p. 106.*]

To THE WORSP^LL. THE GOVERN^R. & COUNCILL.
OF S^T. HELENA
WORSP^LL. S^R. &^CA.

℔ SHIP CARDIGAN.

Upon y^s. ship we send you the Rem^r. of y^e. Copper mony & fanams accord^s. to ord^rs. rec^d from our R^t. Hon^ble. Mast^rs. for w^ch. y^o. have y^e. Inv^o. & Bill of Load^s. inclos'd, we wish them safe to you & are.

21^st ffeb^ry. 17$\frac{14}{15}$

Worsp^ll. S^r. &c^a.

Yo^r. very hum^ble serv^ts.

AN ACCOUNT OF WHAT COVENANTED SERV^TS. ARE ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY FOR KEEPING UP Y^E. R^T. HON^BLE. COMP^AS. BUSINESS UNDER THIS PRESIDENCY ACCORDING TO THE PRESENT ESTABLISHM^T.

4 Under the Accomptants which if possible should be one Merch^t. one Factor and two Writers the work being now much heavier than formerly and few that come out quallified, for accounts.
4 Under the Govern^r and Secretary which if the List would permitt should be one Factor and three writers by which means we shall not be reduc'd to a necessity as of late years to take writers for our Secretarys.
2 Under the Export Warehousek^r. Viz.. One merchant Factor & one Writer.
1 Under the Imp^t. Warehousekeep^r. a Factor if y^e. List will afford it because in case of the Warehousekeep^r illness the more reliance may be had on him to deliver anything out and to keep up y^e. accounts.
4 Under the sea Custom^r of which the receiver must be an active able man fit to be confided in, all that revenue passing through his hands likewise the two searchers ought to be old standards upon y^e place that understand all sorts of goods and the value of them that they may act in absence or Sickness of the Sea customer If we had a sufficient number of such persons upon our List we shou'd choose to employ none but those of merchants standing as receiver & searchers and a Factor or writer will do for y^e Register.
1 Under the Paymaster a Writer or Factor.
1 Under the Land Customer a Factor.
1 Under the Storekee^r a Writer or Factor.
1 Under the Rentall Generall a Writer.
4 Supernumerary Writers to supply in Case of mortality as well here as at the subordinate Factorys and y^e. West Coast upon an emergency.

Fort S^t George List 24.

AT FORT S^T DAVID.

Besides the Council [it] will be necessary to have as at present.
1 Under the accompt a [. . .] writer rather than Fail.
1 Secretary a Writer.
2 Under y^e Warehousek^r. Writers.
1 Under the Paymaster [a] Writer.
1 Steward a Writer
There is at present a Factor that acts as store [K^r.] but we shall [send] him away and order one of the Council to act in that employ.

AT VIZAGAPATAM.

3 Besides the Councill consisting of the Chief and three Factors the youngest of which to act as Secretary.

2 Writers to assist in the Warehouse & accounts. In all ꝑsons 35

Viz^{t} For Fort S^{t} George.

Merchants	6		
Factors	5		
Writers	13		
		24	
F S^{t} David			
Factors	1		
Writers	5		
		6	
Vizagap^{m}.			
Factors	3		
Writers	2		
		5	
		Persons	35

In Case the Fort of S^{t} Davids should be pull'd down and y^{e} head Quarters remov'd to Cuddalore the expence according to y^{e}. Hon^{ble}. Comp^{s}. scheme is computed as follows—

The Charges of pulling down the Fort & clearing away y^{e} rubbish to build the new one propos'd of ten guns would amo^{t} at least to	3000
The small Fort w^{ch} must be large enuff to take in y^{e} Warehouses for y^{e} security of them will cost besides the materialls of the old Fort	5000
Compleating the wall of Cuddalore & making it defensible ...	10000
The Factory [with a] proper Fortification to the river that is at present [left] open with Magazines Warehouses lodgings Court of [. . .] & other conveniences ꝑticularly Communication [with] two extremitys of the Town wall will cost at least	25000
Pag^{s} ...	43000

In case the Fort should stand the securing of Cuddalore and necessary Buildings in the Fort computed to cost as follows:—

All the necessary Buildings in the Fort may be compleated very well and the Ramparts finish'd for	12000
The Town wall at Cuddalore as on y^{e} other side	10000
A Proper Factory at Cuddalore for y^{e} Second & Companys servants wth a main Guard will cost besides the materialls of y^{e} 2 old Factorys	4000
	26000
The Extra charge of pulling down and removing besides the inconveniencys will be at least	17000
Pag^{s} ...	43000

E. Harrison.
Fra^{s} Hastings.
William Warre.
Rich^{d} Horden.
Jos: Smart.
Tho^{s} Cooke.
John Legg.
Josiah Cooke.
[Rand: Fowke.

GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY, DATED JUNE 30, 1715.
[*Public Despatches to England, Vol. 4 pp. 110—120.*]

TO THE HONBLE. THE COURT OF DIRECTORS FOR AFFAIRS OF THE RT. HONBLE THE UNITED COMPANY OF MERCHANTS OF ENGLAND TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES.

℔ Ship Cardigan.

HONOURABLE

Relats. to ye Cardigans not beg. dispatch'd before.

1. Our last was a short Letter under the 22d February intended by this ship Cardigan when she was dispatch'd from hence to Fort St David, in order to fill up with hopes that she might have sav'd her passage, but ye Winds & Currants were so strong against her; that it was the 26th before she could get up thither. Your Hons: may please to observe in our Letters to Fort St David that all due preparation was made, and the Depty. Govern[r] and Coun[ll] earnestly press'd to dispatch the ship if possible within ye time limitted we must needs say they were every way in a readiness, and did as much as could be expected from them, several boats wth bales being on board the ship before she came to an anchor, and all manner of assistance given ye Capt from ye shoar, in filling his water, &c., that could be desir'd, however to our great grief she was not dispatch'd by ye last of ye month which is ye utmost time permitted in our present standing ords. Our forementiond Letter dated the 23d February is forwarded herewth to show your Hons yt we did our part, and if she had not been unreasonably detain'd in Bengall, there were bales now ready at Fort St David to have dispatch'd her as soon as the Hannover, wherefore we hope ys unlucky disappointment will not be laid at our Door.

Lettr. ℔ the Kent & copy of one by ye Su[rat] ships last year. ye rect. thereof acknowledg'd.

2. We are now to acknowledge ye Favour of your Letter by ye Kent dated ye 27th. October 1714, together wth the Copy of a Letter to Bengall ℔ Catherine and Thistleworth via Bombay dated ye 27th March 1714, and having heard no news of ye originall from Bengall we conclude that yor Generall and Councill of Bombay did not forward it by Pattamar, but kept it to send by ye ships of ys season, which could not arrive ye Bay before May or June otherwise they would have communicated ye Purport thereof to us, and whereas pepper was last year at or about the Price [. . .] in Bo [. . .] undoubtedly you would have [a Quantity] upon ships Hannover and St George.

An Ansr. to ye Kents Lettr. deferr'd till Septr.

3. Being every way in a readiness to send Your Honors. a full ship in September, we chuse to wait those further advices which you are pleas'd to promise us by ye January shipping in order to answer them all fully at once by her, and by ys Conveyances we shall only trouble you with such occurrences of moment as have happen'd since the dispch. of ye Hannover, and answer such particulars in your Letter by ye Kent as [more] immediately require it.

FIRST OF SHIPPING SENT OUT & RETURN'D.

Of the Cardigans havg. been dispatch'd to Fft St David wth stores & has brot. up their Bales.

4. Finding our selves disappointed in ye Dispch. of ys ship as beforemention'd, we order'd her immediately [land] hither, unloaded and return'd her to Fort St David with [necessary] stores, which we did not think fit to put on board before that no time might be lost, and on ye 30th of March she return'd hither with the remainder of their bales amots. to 430 which were hous'd before any Danger of the April Monsoon.

Of a ship appears. before ys road, wch we have reason to suspect is a pyrat.

5. On the 26th of February a large ship appear'd before this road under French Coulors about three or four leagues distance, she ply'd up all ye morning wth the Land wind towards the ships at an Anchor till abot noon when ye sea breeze set in, instead of standing for ye road as we expected, she stood off to sea and we have heard nothing of her since, but by our Cattamarans [there] were on board her, who report yt she was full man'd [with] Europeans, yt they seem'd to be French, and when they was ask'd for a note according to Custom, the commander [told] them there was no occasion for any, that he came

from Pondicherry and was bound to Bengall, which we knew to be false, and therefore concluding him to be upon a dishonest account, we immediately dispatch'd away the necessry. advices all along ys. Coast to Bengall & to the Mallabar Coast, Surat & Bombay, from whence having no further news of ye said ship, we conjecture that he went for [Mergue] and ye Streights of Malacca.

Advices brot. by ye Rochester from ye West Coast.

6. Ship Rochester Capt. Wm. Brown arriv'd here from ye West Coast on ye 31st March with advices from yor Depty. Govr. & Councill that it was as much as they should be able to do to dispatch the Avarilla a full ship in time to save her passage about ye Cape, and yt they [. . .] to have [. . .] enuff to [. . .] Roch[ester . . .] September, for which reason they sent her to us to [arrange for] a supply of such stores as were most wanted, perticularly a large quantity of rice and liberty to draw upon us for 20,000 Dollars, in case they should not receive a timely supply from Europe.

Concerng y Presidts. passage & arrll. from Bengal also [of] her besg dispha: to ye West [Coast] in Compy wh ye Rochestr.

7. We acquainted you in your Letter by ye Joseph that your ship *President* was gone to Bengall to be repair'd and loaden with a proper cargo for ye West Coast. We then thought we had reason to expect her here in January when she wou'd have had a speedy passage to Bencoolen, but it was ye latter end of that month before she got clear of Bengall river, and meeting with an accountable calms and currants did not arrive us till ye 7th of Aprill after ye *Rochester*, and therefore we thought it most advisable to send them together with the sloop mentioned in our Lettr. by ye Hannover in company under their Charge, to tow her over if there should be occasion, accordingly they went hence on ye 18th. of May as soon as the Land winds were well set in, and if they had gone sooner wou'd have met with a tedious passage. We send Yo Hons. according to promise in ye 10th paragth. of our Letter by ye Joseph, an account of ship Presidents Charges fitting &ca in Bengall in ye Packet No (8).

[Kents] arrival & reas. [for detaing] her here to go [. . .] in Septr.

8. On ye 7th of Aprill arriv'd your ship Kent Capt Lawrance Minter from Great Brittain, last from ye Cape, having met with nothing remarkable in his passage, but that it was as quick as ever was known considering ye season, we immediately determind to traverse the West Coast stores from ye Kent to ye Rochester and to send ye Latter away with them, and ye Additionll stores demanded from hence, for ye reasons mention'd at large in our Consultn of ye 11th Aprill to wch. for Brevity sake we referr you not doubting but they will prove satisfactory, at ye same time we agreed to return you ye Kent from hence as soon as her loading can be compleated and that we do not doubt but will be with in very few days after ye Commencement of her Demorage in August.

[. . .] mony.

9. We have paid ye surgeon of ye Kent his [mony] for two soldiers brought out for Bencoolen [. . .] receipt comes in ye Packet No (9) drawn according to ye. Directions in your 19 paragth. by ye Kent, which method shall be carefully observ'd hereafter.

Advice of ye Avarillas beg. at Batavia, of ye Borneo Galleys disappointmt., & ye Arrabellas beg. met in ye Streights of Sunda.

10. We have lately recd advices by private Letters from Batavia, that ye Avarilla was there in May, having lost her season for ye Cape, and that the Borneo Galley was return'd from Benjar to Bencoolen disapointed of her loading, which is a further satisfaction to us that [we] were in the right to keep the Kent here, likewise the Arrabella Capt Reid was met with the beginning of last month, by one of our ships in ye Streights of Sunda, [but] whence he came, or whither he was bound, he did not think fit to communicate.

of Capt. Brown of ye Rochestr. his complt. agst. his Cheifmate.

11. We must referr your Hons to our Consultn of the 11th & 12th of Aprill for a complaint made by Capt. William Brown of ye Rochester against Charles Strong his Cheifmate, there were so many point blank evidences that appeard and offer'd oath to the Facts charg'd upon him, that we could not refuse the Capty. ye Satisfaction of displaceing him, thô with reluctancy in regard that he had serv'd in other of your ships, and particularly with Capt Woolon in the Derby to his intire satisfaction, there is a rumour since the ships departure of a Combination against him among ye officers that appeard as evidences at the

Tryall, if they have wrong'd y^e^ man, God forgive them. We could not do otherwise than we did as matters then appeard to us, and took care y^t^ y^e^ Cap^t^ shipp'd an approv'd good man in his place, that has serv'd in y^e^ same station among our shipping for severall years.

[Reasons] for dispatchg. y^e^ Cardigan [at y^e^] expiratn: of her 4mo demorage.

12. Our reasons for dispatching this ship Cardigan at the expiration of her 4 months demorage are fully express'd in Consult^n^. the 5^th^ of May to which we beg leave to referr you, and hope she will be in time for y^e^ March sale when we make no doubt but her Cargo will be much in dem^d^. and being in time of Peace we cannot foresee any danger.

[Relat^g^ to Bouveries. arriv^ll^. [from] Surat.

13. Your ship Bouverie having carried a full and profitable Freight to Surat, arriv'd here from Bombay the 2^d^ ins^t^. and having deliver'd what freight goods she has on board for this place, went forward on her way [to Bencoolen] the 19^th^; she will make at least [. . .] as y^e^ Hanover did last year, we have wrot^e^ the [Presi^t^] and Councill that if they return her to us in December with 4 or 500 bales for a mix'd Cargo, we shall be ready to fill up and dispatch her in few days.

10^th^: of Jan^ry^. fix'd for ye ships. to leave y^e^ Bay, y^t^. are to fill here:

14. We cannot make any further disposition of y^e^ shipping, till we have your last orders by the Mary &c^a^ now daily expected, but our present resolutions are to fix y^e^ 10^th^ of January for y^e^ dispatch of such ships from Bengall as are to fill up here, that there may be no hazard of losing their passage hereafter.

[Of] y^e^ ships Recovery & Success Gallys arr^ll^ from Bombay [&] Departure for Bengall.

15. On the 7^th^. ins^t^. your Ship Recovery (at least she is so call'd) Cap^t^ Richard Ganey arriv'd here from Bombay, and on y^e^ 10^th^ y^e^. Success Galley Cap^t^ Tho^s^ Clapham both let out to Freight for Bengall upon very reasonable terms, they went forward y^e^ former on y^e^ 10^th^, the latter on the 13^th^, and we perswaded them to carry the remainder of the rupees that were coind, for y^t^ presidency out of the silver that came upon the Kent freight free, being 13 Chests, we had sent much y^e^ greatest pay down before, upon the best conveyances that offer'd, knowing them to be in great want of mony carrying on your affairs.

Advice of ships on y^e^ Coast of India.

16. What advices we have of your Shipping on the Coast of India are as follows. The Bhinham unfortunately blown up at Bussora, by firing Guns at the Funeral of Cap^t^ Parrot, we do not learn that she had any cargo on board of Your Hon^rs^. The Catherine gone to Moco upon Freight with bills of Exchange to purchase a large Quantity of Coffee, The Thistleworth return'd from Persia, the Duke of Cambridge from China to Bombay, where they lie up in order to be dispatch'd as soon as y^e^ rains are over, their Cargo's will be cheifly in pepper and Generall Aislabie intends to take his passage upon one of them.

300 bags of Salt Petre put on board ys. ship more yn she brot from y^e^ Bay.

17. We have put aboard this Ship 300 bags of Salt Petre more than she brought from the Bay at the request of the Cap^t^ as enter'd in Consultation the 29^th^ Aprill together with the reasons why we thought we could not safely refuse him; his request comes in the Packet N^o^ [. . .] and we have wrote the Gentlemen in the Bay the 18^th^. ins^t^ to prevent [the pernicious] Custom [of Pyrates in] the Future of demanding Petre from us that is lodging here for other uses, & sometimes comes to us upon Freight for want of other conveyance.

SECONDLY CONCERN^G^ GOODS SENT & TO BE SENT FROM EUROPE.

Of the little Broad Cloth disposd of since y^e^ Hanover sail'd, & y^e^ Reason why it sticks so on hand.

18. Under this head all we shall now say is that considering the present state of the trade in these parts in regard to y^e^ woolen manufactures, we are sorry to find in your Letter by the Kent that we are like to receive a greater quantity than we wrote for, our Letter by the Hanover mention'd above 700 bales remaining in the Godowns, with the hopes we then had to dispose of the greatest part before the arrival of this years shipping but contrary to our expectations those bales which our Merchants had by them in their Godowns, have been more than sufficient to supply the market to [y^s^] time, y^e^ demand being mightily lessen'd, and the price fallen every where upon the Coast, and our Nabob [having] spent the greatest part of y^e^ year at Chingie and to [the] southward as far as Tanjore with

his small camp, [very] little of our Broad Cloth has been diverted that way [as] usuall, we have done our utmost endeavours as will appear upon our Consultations now sent, to pre[vail] with our merchants to take of 4 or 500 bales at the same price as the last viz^{t} 45 ℔Cent upon Invoice but they make appear to us that they have lost considerably by what they took off last season, and [y^{e}] most they have hitherto offer'd us is 25 ℔ Cent advance which we think too little and therefore have not yet come to an agreement.

Of an offer made y^{e} Presid^{t} & Counll. in Bengll. to send ym. 3 or 400 ba. of Broad Cloth but they car'd not to accept it.

19. We acquainted your Honours by the Hanover of an offer we made the Presid^{t} & Councill in Bengall to send them 3 or 400 bales of Broad Cloth if they wou'd be of service to them, the substance of their answer was that Broad Cloth was become as much a drug with them as with us, and particularly at Patna, where the price was yet lower than at Calcutta, for which reason they desire us to send them none, thô they are in greed of [money The letter] from y^{e} Bay is dated the [. . .] February and enter'd in our Book of Letters rec^{d} N° (31).

[Of y^{e}] encouragemt. to export Broad Cloth in y^{e} year 1717.

20. This being the true state of the case at present, Yo Hon^{rs} will be best able to Judge whither it is not more for yo^{r} Interest to forbear providing any quantity for y^{e} export of the year 1717, we will not fail to advise by all opportunitys of any alterations that happen as to this important article, and to demand as much as there is a possibility of vending before it is spoild, by lying in y^{e} Godowns.

[Y^{e}] West Coast stores travers'd [in g]ood ordr aboard y^{e} Rochestr. [exce]pt 3 chaldron of Coals [y^{t}] are want^{g}.

21. The Stores that came upon the Kent for the use of the West Coast, were all travers'd in good order on board the Rochester, One of your Covenanted Servants being aboard each ship to take the account, except three Chaldron of Coals that were found wanting upon measurage, and 4 large Anchors which we thought more than they could have occasion for, and can dispose of them better here.

Third^{ly} Touch^{g} Investments.

[No] time has been lost in make^{g}. preparation for y^{e} shipp^{g}. of [this] Season.

22. Not a days time has been lost in make^{g}. preparation for the shipping of this Season New contracts being enter'd upon both here and at Fort S^{t} David before y^{e} old ones were intirely compleated, as you may please to observe in our Consult^{ns} of March & Aprill. We are only sorry that we have not been able to lower the prizes according to your Expectation, we delay'd as long as we could, and left no stone unturn'd, but there is so vast a demand and Chiefly for fine cloth, which takes the weavers off from the Coarse, that we were at last glad to agree at the same prizes as last year, that we might be at some certainty before the arrivall of the French ships of whom we rec^{d} advices by the Kent.

Readiness we are in to fill y^{e} Kent in August.

23. We have now 700 bales made up here & 300 at Fort S^{t} David, and more brown cloth in our Bounds than our washers can dispatch for want of water, this being one of y^{e}. Dryest seasons that ever was known, but rains are daily expected and we doubt not but to fill y^{e}. Kent in August, we have made [no progress hitherto] notwithstanding y^{e}. [augmentation] of our B^{d}. Cloth to carry on our business fully, both here, at Fort S^{t}. David, & Vizagap^{m}. without borrowing mony or running in Debt, besides large supplys to the west Coast service, and paying for our Petre and stores last year in Bengall, because we knew the necessity they were in for want of mony, but now you may please to observe by our acco^{t}. Cash in y^{e}. packet N°. (12) that we are reduc'd very low, but shall go chearfully on in expec[t^{n}.] of y^{e}. supply you are pleas'd to promise us in your Letter by [y^{e}.] Kent; and doubt not but to make you sufficient returns y^{s}. sea[son].

Reasons for buyg. 400 Candy of Pepper.

24. In compliance with your orders rec^{d}. by y^{e}. Kent for buying up Pepper at or about 10 rupees ℔ Bengall maund, which is just 3 maunds of this place We have agreed for 100 Candys or thereabouts with the owners of a ship lately arrivd from y^{e}. Mallabar Coast at 22 pag^{s}. ℔ Candy as your Hon^{rs}. may please to observe in y^{e}. Consultation of the 30th. ultimo & 2^{d}. Instant. It was intended for y^{e}. French ships expected at Pondicherry for which reason and because we

would not loose the benefit of the Custom here, we ventur'd to exceed the price you permit us to give, thô tis a very inconsiderable matter, and in our humble opinion fully made amends for by the goodness and cleaness of it, in comparison with the Java pepper, which is the only sort you could expect to be supply'd with from Bengall, and [we] are well satisfied from sure hands, that all your pepper from the Mallabar Coast this season, will stand you at 70 to 80 Rups. a Candy, which is a higher price than what we have given here. This quantity we reckon will be full as much as this ship, and ye. Kent can shoot in their holds among their Bales, we have endeavour'd to follow your orders in bringing the Capt. to an agreement for half Freight under his hand, which comes in the packet No. (11), and we hope will prove satisfactory.

FOURTHLY TOUCHG. THE TRADE OF INDIA &cA.

[Intend] to write fully undr. ys. head by ye. Kent.

25. Intending to write fully under this head by the Kent when all our ships from abroad may be expected in, we shall only acquaint Yo. Honrs. that we have made shift to keep all quiet at Fort St. Davids by messages to and Frô, without giving the Nabob what we had in a manner agreed on when we wrote our 24th. parag^th. by the Hanover. He is now return'd to his old residence at Arcot, and at present very easy and quiet, only our merchts. complain greivously of the Juncanneers that are daily endeavo[uring] to establish new, & exorbitant dutys, by stopping their goods from coming in, which difficultys we will do our utmost to remove.

[No] news of ye. Present.

26. We have no news of our intended present since February when it was got no further than Patna but we are told they would set forward in very few days.

The Danes makg. Warr wh. the Mogul & ye. Moors demandg. [a] Pass to secure their ships.

27. We are much plagu'd by ye. great men of the Country government demanding passports of us to secure the shipping of their Friends from the Danes that have declar'd warr w^th. ye. mogull, as advis'd in our Letter by ye. Hanover but we have avoided granting any hitherto, being well assur'd that the Danes will not regard'em, and apprehensive that the moors would esteem them as safeguards, and endeavour to give us trouble when they find themselves deceiv'd. The Danes have continued quiet without any further attempt that we have yet heard of, since they took the ship in Hughly river.

FIFTHLY TOUCHG. FORTIFICAs. &cA.

Ye new ffort is rais'd 5 foot above ground, & preparats [are] makg. at ffts. St. D. to begin upon ye. So. wall of Cuddre.

28. We are fully employ'd upon our Inner Fort building and have got the walls of ye. whole square about 5 foot above ground, we could go faster but then the work would not be so substantially well done. At Fort St. David materials are ready for a beginning upon the South wall of Cuddalore, and in January we shall give you a full accot. of all our proceedings under this head.

Revenues improv'd & hae. somethg further in view.

29. We have made a considerable improvemt. in your revenues as advis'd by ye. Hanover, and have somethg. further in view, of which you shall have an ample accot. in our next, what we have done will appear upon our Consultn as now sent, & particularly in yt. of ye. 12th of March last where we have rais'd 40 pags. ℔ annm. to 710 free of all Charges.

ConcernG ye false Reports spread [in] Engd that ye trade of the Country is ruin'd.

30. Notwithstanding ye. malicious but senseless reports yt. have been industriously spread by some base men in England for sinister ends That the trade of Madrass is lost and all running to decay & ruin, ye. noise of which has reach'd us from all [hands] we make bold to point your Honrs. to ye. article of Sea Custom [. . .] of March where God be prais'd you receive a clear revenue of [Pagodas] 9887, and we are of opinion the whole year will equall if not exceed any of the former, except when the Kings Son Cawn Bucks and the great vizier

Assid Cawn were in these parts with a vast army, which occasion'd a prodigious import of rich peice goods from Bengall.

SIXTHLY TOUCHING FACTORS WRITERS &C^{A}.

31. Your Hon^{rs}. will permit us to begin this head with our most hum^{ble}. Thanks for y^{e}. favourable opinion you have been pleas'd to express of our services in Generall and particularly of our cond[ition] during the unhappy troubles at Fort S^{t}. David which will strengthen both our hearts and hands in pursuing your interest and putting [your] orders in execution. We have endeavourd to follow the Golden rule of doing as we would be done unto, in regard to all your servants and others that are under our direction. We are sensible however that great pains have been taken by some self interested persons to misrepresent our Just proceedings, but since they have happily m[et] with your approbation. We are entirely easy, and shall go on chearfull with the business committed to our care, in hopes to preserve you^{r}. good opinion you seem to have of us at present.

Thanks return'd for the favourable opinion of our services in ye. fft. St. David troubles.

32. Your President in particular finds himself under so many obligations for those Hon^{ble}. Marks of your favour which he has receiv'd by the Kent, so much exceeding the merrits of all the services he has been able to render you, that he confesses himself at a Loss for words to express his gratitude, However he [begs] leave to do it as well as he can in a Letter apart by this Conveyance.

The Presid^{t}. likewise returns his ℔ticular. thanks for ye. great marks of favr. recd.

33. Upon rec^{t}. of your orders in the 85th. paragraph by the Kent, we immediately proclaim'd his pres^{t}. majesty The most high and Majesty Prince George Elector of Brunswick Lunenburg [King] of Great Brittain France & Ireland with all possible Solemnity the same has been since done at all y^{e}. subordinate Factorys and we pray God to grant him a long and happy reign.

On rect. of ye. ord^{rs}. ℔ Kent King Geor. was proclaim'd.

34. M^{r}. W^{m}. Warre who had charge of y^{e}. warehouse from y^{e}. time of M^{r}. B^{d}. Benyons decease departed this Life on the 6th. ult^{o} after very few days illness, and in regard to y^{r}. 93^{d}. par^{s}. by y^{e}. Kent relat^{g}. to M^{r}. W^{m}. Jennings as well as the great alteration y^{t}. has lately happen'd at y^{s}. board. We have order'd him up hither as soon as y^{e}. season serves, & appointed M^{r}. Rob^{t}, Symonds Cheif of Vizag^{m}. not being able to spare a person fitly quallified for y^{t}. Station from hence at present, M^{r}. Fa^{s}. Hastings has y^{e}. charge of y^{e}. Warehouses till M^{r}. Jennings arrives.

Advice of M. Warres death ℔mission for Mr. Jennings to Return, & taks. in Mr. Symonds Cheif of Vizagap^{m}.

35. M^{r}. Rob^{t}. Symonds has formerly serv'd some time under S^{r}. Nicholas Wait & y^{r}. Councill of Bombay since which he has spent these 9 years past at Viza^{m}. Ganjam & the adjacent places trading from thence hither in Grain and other Commoditys, is a very ingenious man, speaks y^{e}. Language perfectly well understands y^{e}. trade of all those parts, and y^{e}. Customs of th[e people] and being very well quallified for business. We hope your Honours will approve of w^{t}. we have done, thô necessity has oblig'd us to a deviation from your Standing orders.

The charactr. of Mr. Symonds.

36. Ensign Andrew Kennedy proving an incorrigible Drunkard, we have taken away his Commission & granted another to John De Morgan the first Serjeant that came over to his Duty from M^{r}. Raworth at Fort S^{t}. David, and was attackt for it y^{e}. following night at Cundapahs Choultry.

[Ensign] Kennedy broke, & Jn^{o}. [De] Morgan succeeds him.

SEVENTHLY TOUCH^{g}. ACCOUNTS.

37. Our Gen^{ll}. Books for y^{e}. last year are drawing to a ballance, and will be concluded as soon as we can get those from y^{e}. subordinate Factorys to be examin'd & brôt into ours.

Genu. Books are drawg. to a ballance.

38. We wrote your Hon^{rs}. by y^{e}. Hanover if we have made a sale of Serrapas Houses and Gardens in order to clear his debt, we have since rec^{d}. y^{e}. ballance into cash in Consultation the 14th. of March as also 160 pag^{s}. on acco^{t}. of y^{e}. old Tobacco Farmers debt, w^{ch}. was y^{e}. produce of one of y^{e}. houses sold that upon examination was found to belong to them and not to Serrapah.

[Se]rapas debt paid & 160 Pags On accot. old Tobacco ffarmrs.

39. The invoice of y^s^. ship amounts to pag^s^. 139240.31.40.

[89 Bales] & fifty Chests taken out of y^e^ [Car]-digan to make a bett^r^. Cargo for y^e^. Kent.

We have taken 89 bales and fifty chests of lack out of y^e^. number she brought from y^e^. bay to make a better Cargo for y^e^. Kent, which being agreeable to your orders we cannot doubt but you will approve.

y^e^ Bengll. stores for St. Helena landed & are Reship'd.

The Stores laden on y^s^. ship in Bengall for y^e^. use of S^t^. Hellena were landed with y^e^. rest of the Cargo, and are now reship'd the leakage of the arrack being made good, of which we had advis'd y^e^. Govern^r^. and Councill.

List of goods Registerd by Cap Grainger

The List of what goods Cap^t^. Richard Grainger has registered at y^s^. place comes in y^e^. packet N^o^. (37) we are with respect

JUNE THE 30TH 1715.

Hon^ble^. S^r^.
Yo^r^. most faithfull humble serv^ts^.

E. HARRISON.
F. HASTINGS.
R^p^. HORDEN.
J. SMART.
T. COOKE.
J. LEGG.
J. COOKE.
R. FOWKE.

LETTER TO S^T^. HELLENA, DATED JUNE 30, 1715. [*Public Despatches to England, Vol. 4, p.* 121].

TO THE WORSP^LL^. THE GOV^R^. & COUNCILL OF S^T^. HELLENA.

S^rs^.

Cardigan.

The foregoing was design'd by y^s^. Ship Cardigan but she lost her passage, what we have to add is that the Stores sent you upon her from Bengal have been landed at the Cap^ts^. request, & are reship'd in good condition, the leakage in y^e^. Arrack being filled up, and y^e^. charge amo^tg^. to so trifling a sum we have not thought fit to alter y^e^. Invoice.

We are,
S^rs^,
Yo^r^. very hum^e^. Servants.

JUNE THE 30TH 1715.

E. HARRISON.
F. HASTINGS.
RICH^D^. HORDEN.
JOS^H^. SMART.
THOM^S^. COOKE.
JOHN LEGG.
JOSIAH COOKE.
RANDALL FOWKE.

LIST OF THE PACKET TO GREAT BRITT^N ℔ CARDIGAN

N°. 1. Generall Letter by her dated 30 June 1715.
2. D°. design'd by her dated y^e. 22^d. February 1715.
3. Dup^te. of y^e. Generall Letter ℔ ship Hanover dated y^e. 12^th. Feb^ry.
4. Invoice of Ship Cardigan amo^tg. to pag^s. 139240–31–40.
5. Bill of lading for d°.
6. Copy of ship Hanovers Invoice to Great Brittain.
7. 2^d. bill of lading for d°.
8. An acco^t. of Ship Presid^ts. Charges fitting in Bengall.
9. Surgeon of the Kents receipt for his head money.
10. Cap^t. Graingers request for 300 bags of Salt Petre.
11. D°. his Obligation to demand but ½ Freight for y^e. pepper laden on board ship Cardigan.
12. Cash acco^t. from y^e. p^rno. Janu^ry. to y^e. ult°. June in y^e. box of books.
13. Copy of Cap^t. Osbornes dispatch.
14. D^os. request for 300 bags of Salt petre.
15. Dup^te. of the list of marriages Christenings & Burials in Fort S^t. George Anno 1714.
16. Copy of a Letter from M^r. Surman &c^a. entrusted with the present to mogull dated Patna Nov^r. 17^th. 1714.
17. Copy of Doctor Jolley's report of a chest of medicines that came out for Fort S^t. David.
18. Dup^te. of the list of Covenanted servants and Inhabitants in the Presidency of y^e. Coast of Choromandell,
19. Copy of the list of goods registered by Cap^t. Osborne comm^r. of Ship Hanover.
20. Copy of M^r. Henry Cottrel dec^d. his acco^ts.
21. Copy of ships Cardigans Invoice to S^t. Hellena.
22. Copy of the Hon^ble. Companys Farms from p^mo. May 1713 to y^e. ult°. January $17\frac{4}{5}$.
23. Copy of Ship Hanovers invoice to S^t. Hellena.
24. Copy of y^e. Madapoll ^s. acco^t. Curr^t.
25. Copy of Tonapa late Warehousek^rs. Conicoply his acco^t. Curr^t.
26. Copy of Will^m. Martins acco^t. Curr^t.
27. Copy of y^e Abstract [acc^t.] rec^d. from & sent to Bengall.
28. Muster of the S^t. Hellena money.
29. Dup^te. of the List of Merch^ts. Factors &c^a. necessary to keep up y^e. business under this Presidency.
30. Dup^te. of y^e. acco^t. of the charge in demolishing Fort S^t. David & Building at Cuddalore.
31. Dup^te. of y^e. state of y^e. Grain trade in Fort S^t. George.
32. Dup^te. of y^e. List of Diamonds registerd ℔ Ship Hanover.
33. Dup^te. of y^e. Hon^ble. Presid^ts. acco^t. sales of Corrall.
34. Copy of y^e. K^t. Hon^ble. Comp^as. Cash acco^ts. for y^e. mo^s. of Octo^r. Nov^r. & December.
35. Copy of the list of y^e. packet ℔ Ship Hanover.
36. Seald Letter from y^e. Hon^ble. Presid^t.
37. List of Goods registerd ℔ Cap^t. Grainger.
38. List of Diamonds registerd ℔ this Ship
39. A seald Letter from y^e. Hon^ble. Presid^t. & Council in Bengall.
40. List of y^e. packet.

LIST OF BOOKS DESIGNE'D BY Y^S. SHIP IN FEBRUARY

DIARYS & CONSULTATION^S

Commencing	...	...	...	...	July 1714
Ending ...	...	...	...	...	Dec^r. 1714.

Letters Rec^{d}.					
Commenc^{g}.	...	...	...	...	Octob^{r}. 1714.
Ending ...	...	...	...	...	Dec^{r}. 1714.
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Commenc^{g}.	...	...	...	...	Octob^{r}. 1714.
Ending ...	...	...	...	...	Dec^{r}. 1714.
Diary and Consultations					
Commenceing	...	...	...	...	Feb^{ry}. $17\frac{1}{15}$.
Ending ...	...	...	..	...	June 1715.
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Commenc^{g}.	...	...	...	...	February $17\frac{1}{15}$.
Ending ...	...	...	...	...	June 1715.
Letters Received					
Commenc^{g}.	...	...	...	...	February $17\frac{1}{15}$.
Ending ...	...	...	...	...	June 1715.
Cash Accounts					
Commencing	...	...	...	...	January $17\frac{1}{15}$.
Ending ...	...	...	...	...	June 1715.

Letter to Captain Richard Grainger, dated July 1, 1715.
[*Public Despatches to England, Vol. 4, pp. 124–125*].

To Cap^{t}. Rich^{d}. Grainger
Commander of y^{e}. Cardigan.

1. Your ship being fully laden you are hereby ordered to repair on board and with y^{e}. first opportunity of wind & weather to proceed & make y^{e}. best of your way for y^{e}. port of London & whatever Port of Great Brittain you arrive first at we order you to send away your purser with our packet deliverd you in a box mark'd **A** Directed to the Hon^{ble}. the Court of Directors for affairs of y^{e}. right Hon^{ble}. United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies to whom your ship goes consign'd.

We likewise deliver you a flying packet Letter **B** which you are to forward by post or express immediately upon your arrival in any Port of Europe where conveyance can be had taking care to write yourself to the Hon'ble the Court of Directors with an acco^{t}. of what has happen'd material in yo^{r}. voyage that they may have no cause to complain as formerly for want of advices when at the same time our packet has been detain'd on board.

But if you arrive first in any port of Great Brittain you may likewise send y^{e} Packet **B** along with your Purser or whomever you appoint to carry y^{e}. box mark'd **A** provided you think he will get to London sooner than y^{e}. Post otherwise deliver it to y^{e}. Postmaster to be forwarded by Post or express to y$^{e}_{ir}$. Post house in London.

2. We also deliver you a Box markd **C** containing books which you are to send by y^{e}. first safe conveyance after you get into the river of Thames.

3. You are requir'd only to touch at S^{t}. Hellena in your way home for refreshment where you must bring your Ship to an Anchor before you come open with Chappel valley near mundens point if you don't meet with good Anchor hold sooner from whence you must send your Boat ashoare to give y^{e}. Gov^{r}. Intelligence who you are because he has orders to fire at any strange ship that endeavours to pass y^{t}. point before he knows what they are & whence they come & we do not yet know whether these orders are countermanded since y^{e} Peace.

5. [*Sic*] We strictly enjoyn you as formerly not to come near any ship at sea if possible to be avoided unless you have secure signalls concerted [so] as to know they are of your companions because they [may] be Pyrats abroad as Formerly.

4. [*Sic*] It is y^e^. desire of our R^t^. Hon^ble^. Mast^rs^. [that] if you should happen to touch at the Cape you will endeavour to procure what seeds & plants are proper for y^e^. Soil & Climate of S^t^. Hellena & carry 'em to the Govern^r^. & Councill who will readily reimburse you for whatever charge you are at [in] procuring them this is a great peice of service to the Publick & therefore we don't doubt but you'l have it in mind.

We wish you a prosperous voyage & date these in Fort S^t^. George this 1^st^ day of July 1715.

E. Harrison.
Fra^s^. Hastings.
Richard Horden.
Joseph Smart.
Thomas Cooke.
John Legg.
Josiah Cooke.
Randall Fowke.

General Letter from Fort St. George to the Company, dated July 15, 1715. [*Public Despatches to England, Vol. 4, p. 126*].

To the Hon^ble^. the Court of Directors
for affairs of the R^t^. Hon^ble^.
United Comp^a^. of Merch^ts^. of England
Trading to the East Indies.

℔ Ship Cardigan.

Hon^ble^.

Since we clos'd our packet & dispatched this ship on y^e^. 1^st^. Ins^t^. the winds hanging southerly and the Currant Strong to y^e^. northward, the Cap^t^. has thought it best to continue in y^e^. road waiting a fair slatch to put to Sea, with hopes that our other Europe ships wou'd have arriv'd 'ere now. Reas. why Capt. Grainger stay'd so long aft^r^. his dispatch.

This gives us an opportunity of advising your Hono^s^. that on y^e^. 7^th^. instant two ships from S^t^. Malos arrived Pondecherry w^th^ Monsieur Hebert upon 'em Generall of y^e^. French nation in India, they have brôt a very great stock both for y^e^. Coast & Bay, & a large sum to be invested in Diamonds, which will give y^e^. Finishing stroke to the ruin of that trade for some years. We learn from 'em that they touch'd at Falmouth, the latter end of Jan^ry^. O.S., & were there told that our ships were not clear of the river, if so we cannot yet reasonably expect them. The Kent is gone to Fort S^t^. David to bring up the bales, and we are in a readiness to Load her as soon as she returns. Advice of y^e^. ffrench ships arrival.

Since the Packet was clos'd M^r^. Tho^s^. Theobalds has register'd One Bulse of Diamonds mark'd N°. ☩ J.G.S.I. consign'd to Jeoshua Gomez Serra value 1777. 22. 40. the President one Bulse mark'd AM Consign'd to Anthony mendez da Costa, value 1798. 9. 40. and another to M^r^. Rich^d^. Veale mark'd ADC value 1913 : 8 we are with respect Accot. of Diamds. Register'd since y^e^. packet was clos'd.

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15 July 1715.

Hon^ble^.
Yo^r^. most Faithfull and
Obed^t^. hum^e^. serv^ts^.
E. H.
F. H.
R. H.
J. S.
T. C.
J. L.
J. C.
[R. F]

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY, DATED SEPTEMBER 13, 1715. RECEIVED PER KENT THE 30TH APRIL 1716 [*Coast and Bay Abstracts, Vol. 2, pp. 7—22. (India Office transcript).*]

1. Their last was of the 30th June by the Cardigan, the Captain dispatcht the 1st July but did not sail till the 17th on which wrote a short letter of the 15th.

2. Are now to give a full answer to the Companys Letters of the 27th October per Kent and 12th January per Mary &c^{a}. which shall be compleated in January, will send advices overland via Persia by way Bombay when anything extraordinary happens, else the Ships bound to Persia from the Bay being in January or February can send better by the Europe Shipping and Sooner.

FIRST CONCERNING SHIPPING SENT OUT AND RETURNED.

3. Glad of the Arrival of all the Ships Anno 1714, hope all design'd for India will come in safety. The Heathcote and Mary arriv'd the 23th July touching at the Cape, the Darby parted with them the 27th May off the Cape, the Dartmouth sail'd from the Cape the 6th of May.

4. Fear the Dartmouth will not arrive Madrass in time from China to be dispatcht for Europe. Gold in March last scarce in China and at 17 above touch. The French have a large ship bound from Cadiz to Canton which will affect the Dartmouth.

5. Glad to hear the Separate Stock is at an end it having been prejudicial to the Company, they did give the best advice they could about the Joseph and Windsor. Several of those Ships will trade to the 28th September 1714, and if wrong must make satisfaction, have don what justly could about them.

6. In answer to the reparting Coast and Bay Goods say it is the Companys Interest they send home Ships before the October Monsoon because they may arrive for the March Sale, Then have no likelyhood of Bay Goods, must depend on the Bay for Goods for the January Ships, being unsafe for Ships to ride out the October Monsoon on the Coast therefore must and do cooperate with the Bay for disposing of all Ships then on their hands, refer to their Letter to the Bay of the 29th August advising what tonnage the Coast could supply in January that might have Ships accordingly.

7. Receipts for Souldiers head money per Kent, Heathcote and Mary sent according to orders, paragraph 19, will always follow that rule.

8. Madapollam Yatch always mann'd out of the Gunroom crew but when money on board Europeans are added, the Gunroom crew in constant pay therefore no Wages appear in the Account. Have no other Countrey Vessel but the President on the West Coast, shall send her Account exactly by the January Ships of what she stands in and earns yearly, do employ her to the best advantage.

9. Have sent one Sloop to the West Coast which being so chargeable notwithstanding their frugality did send no more, have a Vessell in View which expect will come out much cheaper and be fitter, two are fully sufficient, have order'd the annuall Account of charges to be sent to Madrass.

10. Have always sent Arrack and Stores to St. Helena according to the tonnage if the Bay did not, and will continue to do so, refer to their Invoice and Letter for what now sent.

11. Shall send list of Ships importing at and exporting from Madrass more exact sign'd by the Sea Customer and Transcriber, have sent one now No. 11 in the Packett.

12. Do acquiesce in the Companys determination about Captain Reids expedition to Mallacca, but their Consultation will show he did not do his best to get to Mallacca.

13. The Companys Complaints Paragraph 25 observ'd, will follow the Companys orders about the Captains registring their Goods exactly.

14. Have received from Bengall what wrote for as far as the Ships could bring, the Mary Buoyer brought the remainder but she mist the Coast and drove down to the Bay. Have sufficient Petre in the Godowns and shall not demand much this Season.

15. Have answer'd the most of the 28th paragraph. Captain Phrip did all he could to have got away, Suppose thereby the Company intend to repeal the standing order of not dispatching Ships after the last of February till September, and that it was intended only in War time. Desire the Court will consider the danger of rich ships at Mauritius or any of those Islands, and that Ships dispatcht the beginning of July from Madrass will reach the Cape in October, a good Season for getting about, and pray the Companys answer thereto.

16. Have received the 8 Chests of Treasure for the West Coast by the Heathcote, but can't procure any Mexico dollars nor expect any till February and a Manilla Ship arrives. Want of money on the West Coast will hinder getting Pepper for the Ships there.

17. Thô the Company advise to send £310,000 to the Coast and Bay, whereas after deducting for the West Coast and Tea and Silks will remain but £294,242, however, shall send £200,000 to the Bay because they are in debt and the Dartmouth not being expected before January, and most of the rest being in cloth and Stores, can't make the January Shipping Investment except take up money and Interest.

18. Shall when the Dartmouth arrives observe the orders about her in Paragraphs 5, 6, &ca., and hasten the Ships dispatch for Europe. Having answer'd all under this head shall add what hath since occurr'd.

19. Kent dispatcht 8th July for St. Davids with Necessarys, she return'd the 26th Do. with 574 Bales.

20. Captain Reid in the Arabella arriv'd from the West Coast the 26th July, could get no Pepper at Banjar or to the Eastward, says he hath wrote largely to the Company. He was dispatcht from thence because had no likelyhood of Pepper, and the Borneo and Rochester and expected ships from England were to be provided for. Have sent her with Stores and 12,000 pagodas to Vizagapatam the 15th August, thence to Bengall with 203,000 rupees, all they had ready, the Heathcote and Mary will carry the rest, have recommended her to the Bay for a freight to Persia or Suratt being a good Sailor, and sent them Copys of her General Letter to the West Coast about her employment.

21. Captain Reid inclin'd to make another Essay at Benjar but did not think it proper to deviate from the Companys orders nor had they proper dollars for that Voyage and the West Coast, will want for themselves.

22. Receipt for Captain Reids Charterparty money being Pagodas 233 : 12 : sent.

23. Captain Minters request for 660 Bags of Petre sent.

24. Heathcote and Mary sail'd for the Bay the 30th August with 48 Chests Silver and 29 Chests rupees, could get no more ready coyn'd by that time, nor would they keep them longer.

SECONDLY CONCERNING GOODS SENT AND TO BE SENT FROM EUROPE.

25. Have since the Cardigans letter sold 300 bales Broad cloth at 35 Pagodas on Invoice and last years Embost cloth at 50 per cent, as per consultation of the 30th June, could sell no more or do better before the Ships arriv'd. Sorry the Company encreased the quantity wrote for, especially in Greens which perisht soonest, Scarlets best preserv'd, but being dear few sell, they will ly on hand.

26. Will draw the List of demands as directed per Kent and Mary can't do it with Certainty till January.

27. Have not had time to view what receiv'd, must defer it till January. Found on adjusting the Heathcotes dammage Broad cloth part of it was not well cur'd before packing, the worm got into it particularly the Scarlets and Auroras, of absolute necessity all should be well cur'd and packt or must sell it at any rate and it will loose its reputation in the Countrey where most is Vended and sent unopen'd.

28. 200 hhds. Claret brought by the French, half carry'd to the Bay, the rest sold at 60 pagodas a hhd. which 2 years [ago] sold but at 40. Found to be good against the fluxes, is cheaper than any can be sent from England, expect it will be cheaper hereafter, they are preparing 10 ships to go from St. Malloes. Next Season shall buy but 6 hhds. having Madeira Wine sufficient for all the factorys.

29. Have and will do all they can to hinder the carrying Broadcloth into the Bay, but must not refuse its going to the Northward least they should not get grain from thence nor dispose of half the Cloth yearly received, if any should be known to be sent down from Ganjam will take an Obligation as have done from the Merchant to prevent their doing it, but it is hard to prove they do.

30. Can't agree to the Bay assertion that the cheapness of Broadcloth there will not enlarge the sale except it be in fine Cloth which is chiefly used by the Great Men, and ordinary Cloth used by the meanest of the people except Cooleys, they cover their Saddles and Scabbards with it, Caps and Purses made of it, and for several other uses, sending improper sorts makes flint ware such a drug there, the right sorts of hubble bubbles sell well, more Cloth will sell on the Coast if cheaper and the great Men have the finest.

31. Hear most of the Broadcloth at Surat is disposed of for payment of debts, and the troubles in Persia being ended the Company may encrease the export thither and send less to the Coast till have got off the large quantity receiv'd and expected, will sell off what they have as well and as soon as possible to prevent damage.

32. Will write to the Bay about the price of Lead and act as they hear from thence, can sell it at Madrass from 8 to 9 Pagodas a Candy.

33. Have adjusted the Heathcotes and Marys damaged Broadcloth at the Prices the good sells, as per accounts sent per Consultation 30th August, have paid the Ballance into Cash.

THIRDLY TOUCHING INVESTMENTS.

34. When received the List of Investments per Kent made the necessary alterations in their orders, will comply with the orders positive and negative and remedy what complain'd of in the List and Letters. Desire to know the sorters names of Goods complain'd, they being in the Packing Notes and outsides of the Bales, that might know to remedy their fault. Are often necessitated to bale the Goods as soon as sorted, the President can't be so often in the warehouse for other business, nor the warehousekeeper overlook all, every sorter should answer for what he doth, then the Company will know who do best to encourage and the ignorant will endeavour to improve.

35. They do examine the Subordinate Factory Bales knowing the Company expect it, refer to Letters particularly that [of] 20th Aprill to show the Company are not well serv'd, the sorters to blame and yet can't send better, Mr. Frederick hath endeavour'd to put things on a better foot, hope the Goods now sent will show it thô they are not free from exception but must have better hands to cure all.

36. Have publisht the Companys 35th, 36th, and 37th paragraphs per Kent to all the Companys Servants under their Presidency particularly at St. Davids, they were fully known before thô some would pretend ignorance, they are plainly

laid down and shall be observ'd when necessary, the Councill thankfull that all shall have a fair hearing before condemned since they will never dispute Orders, shall the better keep Subordinates in Obedience.

37. Have sent the Companys complaints to St. Davids with strict injunctions to remedy them.

38. Mr. Faucett was order'd to keep the Ingeram Cloth up to lengths and breadths but the troubles prevented it therefore took all good with abatement for short measure which continuing have not thought fitt to hazard the Companys money so far off, hope to get the Merchants to bring their Cloth to Vizagapatam thô it cost something dearer rather than have people reside there at a great expence.

39. The Vizagapatam Longcloth No. 4 in paragraph 40 was turn'd out Cloth received on abatement, for have had none from thence lately under 29 pagodas a corge of No. 3 wonder it should be commended with the Ingeram Cloth, will make what use of it they can.

40. The Worriarpollam Cloth W. made worse because of the great demand for it, do endeavour to get it remedy'd but the French demand so much and give such prices, fear can neither abate the price nor get it better.

41. The Ingeram Sallampores damage must be before packing for none appear'd on the Bales or else had open'd them, will endeavour to get the Moorees better made since Percalla's book dont answer, shall send none unless cheaper.

42. The Madrapauk Bettellees fine never hold out the usual lengths and are but yard wide nor can be contracted for by Muster, the French buy so many but must take them at any rate can't get the quantity demanded, hope those per Kent will prove well but are dearer than those by the Stretham.

43. The Merchants at St. Davids requesting it they try'd them to make Six Bales each of Oringal and other Bettellees, the first prov'd so much inferiour to Muster could not take them, the Merchants will not now provide fine Goods on the old Musters and prices because the French buy so many.

44. Have sent to Vizagapatam the Companys Complaint of their strip'd Bettellees to remedy it, hope the Chints now sent are according to last and this years directions.

45. Sorry the Brampore Chints turn to no Account Sorry Mr. Fawcet sent so many more than wanted instead of Longcloth which he was employ'd to procure.

46. Their ordinary goods are measur'd brown and will shrink in washing, the Bettellees especially, the fine sorts are bought white and to measure them will be a prejudice to their Package and Sightliness, must therefore endeavour to oblige the Merchants to make good the usual lengths and breadths when complain'd of from England.

47. Shall follow the orders about Redwood, paragraph 55 per Kent.

48. Do observe the alteration of orders about saltpetre and have comply'd with the orders about Pepper, Captains agreement to take it in at half freight enclos'd, No. 15, shall have enô for the January Shipping the French buy it up at 24 Pagodas per Candy, the Ships it was thought would each take in 50 tons but they can't by ⅓ part.

49. Touching the Bengall Siccaes and Madrass Rupees in Paragraph 24 per Heathcote wish could procure a Mint at Fort William, impracticable to be at Hughley if have no factory to protect it little time will show if the present can procure it do send down as many Rupees as can get coyn'd the Bay desiring them.

50. Have no white Goods ready but near a 1,000 Bales of brown at Madrass and St. Davids. Hope to ship off 2,500 Bales in January and February of the sortment per List Investment of them 300 Bales from Vizagapatam.

51. Will caution succeeding Secretaries to avoid the omission complain'd of paragraph 26 the last being dead.

52. Shall observe the Companys opinion touching the Tanjore cloth but the Dutch will give more for it than the Company do for Worriapollam Cloth W.

53. The Cash was all gone when the Ships arriv'd and the 20 Chests of Silver they receiv'd sold and apply'd to St. Davids and Vizagapatam Investment so must take up Money at 8 per cent the Metchlepatam debt being discharg'd the Expence of the Several factorys and the Buildings in hand will take up the Revenues so that if Early Investments are expected must take up at Interest or have a double Stock.

FOURTHLY CONCERNING THE TRADE OF INDIA IN GENERAL AND THEREIN ANY TRANSACTIONS WITH THE COUNTREY GOVERNMENT.

54. The Companys proposal paragraph 57 and 58 per Kent for employing the Church and Orphans Stocks in Grain was not accepted thô made by the President when Grain was dear, are of opinion it would be a surer Interest to the Stock than they now make but it depends on good Mannagement and a better Harmony than is now in the Church, will endeavour to quiet all and the next Season in January and February will try to make a beginning. Have for two years had great plenty, the Scarcity four years ago will make more carefull to provide for the future.

55. Those Stocks excellently managed in Mr. Lewis's time and that they should be still is of the utmost consequence to the place, therefore endeavour to get good Churchwardens. The Cash is kept as the Company direct, some difficultys arise about employing the Mony, which hope to remove, shall send the Churches Journal and Ledger annually as ordered and be watchfull to see the fund preserv'd and rightly apply'd.

56 The Mogul hath made many good Edicts about trade which influence near the Court but don't reach to the remote parts, because can't complain without great charge, have advised Mr. Surman &c^{a}. the difficultys they labour under to try for redress. Trade goes on pretty well and would do better if a great Army was in the Gulcondah and Viziapore Countreys as expected Hassen Ally Caun, brother to the Vizier Sahid Abdulla Caun, having the command of the Deccan do expect a Revolution of the [*lacuna*] Government can't have a worse than the present Nabob, who hates Europeans, disregards trade and only minds amassing money. The Mogul disapproves his seizing Chingee and order'd one of Serop Sings Sons to be restored to his fathers Government.

57. Have been unfortunate in their trade to China, Tonqueen and Syam, gold scarce and very dear at Canton. Their Ship at Amoy forced to stay the year round, the Surat ships to Canton, the Cambridge one of them, gain'd but little thô their goods sold well at Surat. The Bengall trade to Surat prov'd well, their ship to Persia not yet return'd, the French who trade thither say silver is so scarce, all trade is at a stand, the Sea Customs, however, don't abate, which shows they are not discourag'd.

58. Shall keep an account in the Books of the debts due to Mr. Holcomb at Vizagapatam in hopes to recover them or part one time or other.

59. Zoodee Caun made Steward of the Moguls household and being in great Credit and Court hope will assist Mr. Surman &c^{a}.

60. Wonder how Coja Babba could advise the debt at Metchlapatam was adjusted unless had the account overland, have advis'd fully of it by the Frederick which hope will be approv'd.

61. The Mayors Court do customarily put all Money deposited in a Cash Chest under several Locks, but Mr. Raworth broke through all Rules, his key being lost the Chest was broke open and not well secured after, will prevent such

irregularitys hereafter, have had no encroachments on the Mayors Courts Authority in their time glad to be excused from Appeals.

62. Glad to find the Company approve their management with the Countrey Government as per Heathcotes Letter.

63. Mr. Benyon look'd after the Expence at Ponticherry during Sir Andrew Heberts mediation with Serop Sing whose People were numerous. Sir Andrew got nothing thereby but a horse and vestments presented him by Seroop Sing. Sir Andrew was of opinion Mr. Raworth should be delivered up to the English and is thereupon return'd. General for the French in India, Monsieur Dulivier, reprimanded for not delivering him up and the Kings officers forbid being in Councill on such occasion the President has a letter from Monsieur Crozat advising Mr. Duliviers conduct is highly disapprov'd by Monsieur Pontchartrain and the Company &c^{a}.

64. Mr. Frederick hath recover'd the Renters debt at St. Davids advis'd per Joseph and Hannover Mr. Raworth was often prest to get it in but did not, when any discovery was attempted it was prevented by bribes, Mr. Farmer with two others appointed to examine that affair after several months the report was so confused could not give Judgment with certainty, Mr. Farmers pretences thereabout false.

65. Mr. Farmers assertions that what due to the Renters was sufficient to reimburse the charge of the War must only mean the charge of the Peace or he is very ignorant what it was thô he was so much concern'd therein, neither the Renters nor those who kept their money can repay one-fourth of that damage, he should have don better when he was in Post, he never complain'd of Mr. Raworths ill Mannagement nor endeavours to hinder it till turn'd out and then only out of Revenge.

66. No wonder Mr. Farmer is so possitive when it is with the Proviso he be first made the Chief, the Company will best judge of him he being gon home; having don the whole with great integrity hope the Company will not let his writing prejudice them.

67. Thankfull for the Companys permitting them to trade to Bengall, they can't attempt anything this Season fear those in the Bay will thrô rubs in the way and complain of whoever is sent and give them a contrary character as they did Mr. Petty.

68. Advices from the Bay say Mr. Surman was 16th May got to Sydabad seven course short of Elabas and that 180 Leagues Short of Agra, were respected and well guarded everywhere at the Kings charge, expect in few days to hear they are arriv'd.

69. Have not made any present to the Nabob hoping he will be turn'd out, he threatens to Seiz their Villages at Madrass and St. Davids, but think he will not now the English are so near the Court, all quiet at Vizagapatam expect a large Investment from thence in course Goods.

FIFTHLY TOUCHING FORTIFICATIONS, BUILDINGS, REPAIRS, AND REVENUES.

70. The building the New Hospitall free Guard and Garden houses are under distinct heads in the General Books. Will mind their promise about the Hospitall. The Coynage not being so considerable have not assest the Mint Braminys but will do it before January thô it will be some trouble, they are at a great charge and don't reap the whole benefit, the Company have net profit by the Coynage.

71. The foundation of the Mount house cost but 600 Pagodas.

72. The Subordinates shall refund what they lay out without order, shall charge Mr. Raworths Account with Interest.

73. Pagodas 286 on account custom of Elephants paid in by Mr. Frasers Attorneys, the Money came but lately in.

74. The remaining Council thankfull for the Companys favour. Paragraph 32 per Heathcote will carefully observe the Rules there mention'd and advise all Subordinate factorys of the Same, St. Davids and Vizagapatam don't come within the exception of unforeseen accidents the West Coast may be indulged as those at the head deserve.

75. They do give Memorandums from the General Letters to the Persons complain'd of to correct their errors, there have been so many Secretarys of late they have not had time to be perfect and being young some mistakes will happen, several errors complain'd of were mended last year in Consultation, hope the Secretary will take due care to do all exactly.

76. Have built a firm bridge with brick and stone over the River with a draw bridge, this makes the Passage to the Island and the Magazines there easy and saves charge, can now train their soldiers there, can now send out Partys into the Countrey more advantageously and the Souldiers on free guard may air themselves without committing disorders, it cost better than 1,000 Pagodas design'd the Company should pay half and the Town the rest, but finding the Town Conicoplys duty was given for usefull buildings and Arrears thereof were in several hands as per Consultation 18th July and having collected Pagodas 3,480 will compleat the bridge therewith and duly apply the rest, will, hereafter call in the Money Annually.

77. The Inner fort in a forwardness of which shall advise further in January.

78. The South wall of Coddalore gon upon and to be made defensible, the Materials ready, hope it will cost under 1,500 Pagodas.

79. The new factory at Madapollam being ready to fall have order'd to be pull'd down and to repair therewith the Old one which will last many years.

80. The Cowl for the Beetle and Tobacco farm which expired 4th Aprill last renew'd for 5 years to the same Person at the same rent, could not raise it but must have hurt the Poor.

81. The Town Brokers Cowl expiring 30th June is let for 7 years to the same Person at 800 Pagodas, having advanc'd 500 thereon as per Consultation 4th July, will improve further as have Opportunity.

SIXTHLY TOUCHING FACTORS, WRITERS, OFFICERS, SOLDIERS AND THEIR ACCOUNTS.

82. Will observe all orders under this head, glad their endeavours to reform the Covenant Servants are approv'd.

83. Dubashes and Conicoplys the Pest of the Place wish could do without them, will encourage the English to learn the Countrey languages as directed and have told them; can't get a proper Master to teach Persians few inclin'd to learn it thô so usefull. Ramapa Braminy well qualify'd to teach Persians, thô poor is so proud that he will not thô offer'd good terms.

84. Do observe the Companys orders relating to the Succession. Mr. Hastings went Deputy Governor to St. Davids 15th August Mr. Frederick Surrender'd all to him and came to Madrass the 23th. Copy Instructions to him enter'd with the Letters No. 63.

85. Mr. Leg thankfull for being confirm'd, will observe orders about filling up the Councill when under 7 Persons in Subordinate factorys greatly hurt by being forgot to be advanc'd whereby the Company have been ill serv'd the worst hands being sent thither, absolutely necessary to put the Company's rules in practice did begin last year with Mr. Emmerson sent to Vizagapatam, the Councill at St. Davids so unfitt to be call'd up to Madrass that they should not keep where they are had they proper Persons to succeed them.

86. Have by former Letters answer'd about Mr. Raworths debt Messrs. Benyon and Warre paid in the Ballance in their hands the 11th February 1713,

shall in January write further about it and send Mr. Martins account stated to that time.

87. Mr. Farmer gone home expecting more favour than the Companys orders seem'd to design him, should not have shown him so much favour had they believ'd he would have represented things to the Company so falsely.

88. Had hopes Mr. Ph. Baker would on his reinstatement have acted better, were forced to take the Warehouse from him and put it under Mr. Berlu's care, the Blew cloth under his care so bad and ill dyed forc'd to be dy'd again, the abuse in the Cloth too great to be born as per Letters to St. Davids No. 27 and 46, he was call'd on Several months to pay what due from him, being above 400 Pagodas which he had made use of, of the Warehouse Cash, therefore dismist him, he has appeal'd to Madrass for a hearing which will grant.

89. About Mr. Weld have wrote formerly and expect orders.

90. Mr. Richard Harrison dismist as order'd, he stays at Cuddalore till January to settle his affairs, then shall send him to England, he is of a good temper and well vers'd in the Companys Affairs at St. Davids, but lenity to him would encourage others. Styleman Gostlyn is dismist.

91. Edward Croke Assistant to the Land Customer is sober, will encourage him as he deserves.

92. Mr. Turton thankfull, promises to improve in Persians.

93. George Drake, Charles Michel, and Joshua Draper shall be plac'd as order'd. Joshua Draper and Henry Davy commended for their usefulness, if others who come after are as good the Writing work will be to satisfaction. Thomas Coales is on the Derby suppose gon to Bengall, Sallary warrant is enter'd in Consultation.

94. The 45th Paragraph answer'd under the head of the West Coast. Complaint paragraph 46 about List Covenant Servants remedy'd, all employ'd as they are capable.

95. List of Marriages, Births, and Christenings shall be sent with a Certificate as order'd by every January Shipping.

96. Expect Mr. Catesby Oadham will do signall Service appears very able, Mint Braminys are in awe of him.

97. Mr. John Maubert thankfull for the Companys appointing him in their Service, but having fallen into multiplicity of business and not now wanted in the Mint he has laid down the service.

98. Will reward old Captain Hugonin and the Officers mention'd Paragraph 49, have always promoted the meritorious, shall answer Paragraph 50 per January Ships and enquire of the abuses of the Military on Oath with Impartiallity, the Complainants should have sign'd their Names or attempted redress at Madrass.

99. Will retrench the Military expenses at St. Davids as fast as possible, and at Madrass Muster rolls shall be drawn out as order'd and sign'd.

100. Sorry the Company have not procured Authority to try Murderers, it was never more necessary and may be used as tenderly as privately order'd.

101. Marcus Moses and Aaron Franks have been acquainted with the Companys orders about them, Moses now at the Mines promises to be at Madrass in the time limited, would have been better for the Dyamomd trade had they 1st settled at Madrass. Shall make all free merchants enter into the usuall Covenants as well as Robert Fleetwood and Elihu Nicks.

102. Shall assist the Danish Missionarys when they desire it, have received the Silver sent them freight free by the Companys ships and £ 1,000 by the Dutch sent them via Columbo, the employing both to best advantage will take off their thoughts from other matters.

103. Shall remind the Chaplains of the duty requir'd from them by the Charter and to observe the Companys orders about the Librarys, that at St. Davids has been much abused, will preserve the Remainder.

104. Will follow the orders about examining all treasure as soon as landed, the like shall be in all Subordinate Factorys.

105. Mr. William Hankin free Merchant dying intestate the 30th of May, two of the Councill and Secretary are to take care of his Effects.

106. Consultation 15th July shows some money of Mr. Raworths was attach'd in Mr. Barnewells hands lately come from Manilla, of which shall advice in January.

107. Desire the Companys directions about a house left by Padre Paulo de Saa for the use of the Italian Missionarys calling in there, the Capuchins are jealous of it that the Italians may thereby supplant them, can never be serv'd so well as by those Capuchins.

108. Ensign Godfrey Van Ittern came on the Heathcote is entertain'd on a Clause in the Letter of the 2d February 1712.

SEVENTHLY TOUCHING ACCOMPTS.

109. Shall observe and answer the Accomptants remarks when receive any, shall send the General books in January.

110. Hope to reduce yet further the St. Davids expences by Degrees and to improve the Revenues towards maintaining the Charge, they have been better regulated and collected since Mr. Raworths Departure, have notwithstanding their Compassion to him been severely censured and accused unjustly for defrauding of his estate and protecting Tonapa, will nevertheless do their Duty and execute the Companys orders on such as embezzle their estate, of which have given all fair Warning and accordingly dismist Mr. Baker, must nip this Evil in the bud and dispence with None.

111. One of Mr. Bullards Orphans dy'd in coming from the West Coast, the other is under Mr. Stevensons care and has an handsom allowance from the Churches Stock.

112. The Kents 40 Chests of Silver coyn'd into Rupees and sent into the Bay as per Letters to the President and Council there.

113. The President and all others thankfull for permitting so much Bullion for Dyamonds but the trade is overdrove by the French Stock make considerable profit by the Silver.

114. The 64th 65th 66th and 67th paragraphs are answer'd in former letters and the method of their Consultations and General Books, Ballance of all Accounts enter'd in Consultation and call'd for in ; Buildings kept under distinct heads at Madrass &c^{a}. the warehouses deliver'd over as in Mr. Davenports case. Account of Remains doubly sign'd Conicoplys can't now cheat unless by connivance of those they serve under.

115. Have little hope of recovering ought of the great summe he sent to Manilla can find nothing more of his at Madrass is confin'd and will endeavour to discover any other of his effects.

116. Have endeavour'd to get Mr. Raworths Dubash Dorsu but can't, he is in the Tanjore Countrey. Mr. Hastings has the instructions in Paragraph 70 about St. Davids, will have their assistance in getting them comply'd with. Mr. Berlu lately pardon'd for abusing the Inhabitants, if he offends again shall dismiss him.

117. Have paid to the order of Mr. Huyck the £ 138-7s. in Pagodas at 9s, as per paragraph 71, and deliver'd the parcells of silver as directed paragraph 72, except that for Mr. Smith for which will pay the value as sold and Mr. Weslids bag which was sent to the Bay.

118. Concerning Aga Pere Armenians sending 15 Chests of Garnets on the Kent for which he is to pay the Company ten per cent besides Customs, shall send account in January of their Cost and where procured.

EIGHTHLY TOUCHING THE WEST COAST

119. Have received from the West Coast Copys of the Letters to the Company by the Averilla &c^{a}. and an originall of the 13th June now sent, they have too much shipping on their hands therefore judg'd right to return the Kent from the Fort, expect one of their ships to come for Supplys, will endeavour to get Mexico dollars for them.

120. Have advis'd of accepting many West Coast bills and lately paid Pagodas 2,993,21, more drawn by the Arabella, shall continue to do so while the Deputy Governor remains and applys it right, hope the Company will make provision lest the trade on the Coast be crampt.

121. Have perused the Bencoolen Packet per Kent and sent orders per Rochester accordingly, and on her Elisha Ellill youngest of Council and Lewis Deane Factor well qualify'd and a Sargeant and 24 able Soldiers with Rice and Stores desired, besides the Kents the President carry'd them Rice and Bay goods and the Sloop laden with rice, the whole came to near 10,000 Pagodas, sent them no Coast Cloth because had sufficient for the Season.

122. The working tools in the Kents stores so many can't think one fourth part can be used before eat with rust, have order'd them to return what they can spare and to write for only one year's supply.

123. Governor and Councill of St. Helena complain'd of for taking usefull hands out of the Rochester design'd for Bencoolen hope the Company will blame them for it.

124. Refer to their Letters of the 16th May No. 38, and orders No. 37, for what powers they sent Mr. Collett per Rochester to place persons in case of his death.

125. Mr. Collett designing when his time is out to repair to Madrass pray the Company will provide a successor unless Mr. Henry White be thaught proper, who is but sickly, should have an able 2nd, have none fit to send from Madrass.

126. Pray none may be sent to the West Coast but who understand Accompts, lest the Accompts fall into confusion and the Companys estate be plunder'd as four years ago.

SUPPLEMENT.

127. The 2 French ships arriv'd, brought near £ 200,000,$\frac{1}{8}$ in Silver, Coral, and Goods to be invested on the Coast, the remainder sent to Bengall, another expected in January on the New Agreement between those of St. Mallo and the Company. 10 Ships building to be employ'd next Season in India, they stick at no prices to save their Monsoon, will do what they can to discourge them, the WoriarPollam Countrey as convenient for theirs as the English Investment, two-thirds of the Longcloth and Sallampores carry'd to Europe made thereabouts, hope their charge in sailing and Permission paid the Company may discourage them.

128. The Oringall Bettellees per Kent sorted at Madrass cost 60 Pagodas, much better than the St. Davids at 65 and 66.

129. Reason for lading 5 Bales Neckcloths thô forbidden.

130. The Cardigans sticklack was very bad, can procure better at Vizagapatam and cheaper, shall send some for a Tryall.

131. Register of Dyamonds is Pagodas 71,918 : 32 : 36 the Captains Register'd Goods amount to Pagodas 4,332 : the Kents Invoice 93,840 : 14 : 31.

THO : COOKE. E. HARRISON.
JOHN LEGG. THO : FREDERICK.
JOS^{A} : COOKE. RICH : HORDEN.
RAND : FOWKE.

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY, DATED JANUARY 26, 1716. Received per Mary the 27th July 1716. [*Coast and Bay Abstracts, Vol. 2, pp. 39–48. (India Office transcript).*]

1. Having by the Kents Letter of the 13th September answer'd most of the Companys Letters received Shall now answer the rest and add what since occurr'd.

FIRST CONCERNING SHIPPING SENT OUT AND RETURN'D.

2. The Kent thô dispatcht 14th September could not sail till the 19th.

3. The Shaallem arriv'd from Persia the 5th of September, on her sent 9 Chests Rupees which compleated the £200,000 : order'd for the Bay.

4. Mary Buoyer laden with stores arriv'd 6th October, should have come in April but lost her Passage from the Bay, 12th Do. return'd her with Lead and Iron which sells better in the Bay than on the Coast. Sent also on her 30,000 Rupees in return of her Cargo they being in debt and wanting Money.

5. October 6th arriv'd the Maddapollam from Vizagapatam laden with Rice and Bales. 12th Do. sent her with Stores to St. Davids and there to be laid up for the Monsoon her Account Currant for the year No. 11 Sent, do always employ her as the Monsoon permits.

6. Ship Queen touch'd at Galle on Ceylon 26th October, the Dutch advise her Officer reported War was proclaimed against France in April before, which is a great Surprize having no other News of it from the Captain or from Anjengo, this puts them on their Guard, as if true have sent the Account privately down the Coast and into the Bay and will dispatch the 2 Ships in Company to St. Davids and so to the Cape for certain News.

7. Mary arriv'd the 26th ultimo from the Bay with Stores and 300 Bales of fine Goods towards her lading, the Derby dispatcht from England for the Bay touch'd at Batavia and did not get to the Bay till September, she and the Heathcote will be dispatcht thence the beginning of February. The Arabella freighted for Surat this will pay all her demorrage from her Arrival in India.

8. The Bouverie mett with such bad weather in Vizagapatam Road did not arrive Madrass till the 7th instant she brought 285 Bales besides Petre and Stores from the Bay.

SECONDLY CONCERNING GOODS SENT AND TO BE SENT FROM EUROPE.

9. Have near 1,000 Bales Europe Goods in Warehouse as per List No. 12, the rains hinder'd the Inland Merchants for 3 Months coming down to buy any, and a great Stock of Broadcloth remaining in the Countrey lessens the Demand, hope the Decan Nabobs Army wi'l enlarge Trade.

10. The Worm is got into several Bales of the Cloth thô not Sea damaged, must happen by ill curing the Cloth, hope the Merchants will soon take off a quantity, can't raise the price till have get off 6 or 700 Bales.

11. List of Demands for the year 1717 Sent No. 13, if no more sent may raise the price again and Demand more next Season, will do their best to get off all remains before damaged.

12. List of Stores demanded sent No. 14, under it and the other List have added what necessary and carefully examin'd all.

13. List of Medicines wanted No. 15 sent, those receiv'd this year came out well.

14. Lead and Iron sent to the Bay sold well, will furnish them with more as have opportunity, they being in want of Supplys and pay 12 per cent Interest which at Madrass can get at 8. Iron and Lead sell but slow at Madrass.

15. Broccade Silks and Velvets wanted in the Bay Shall Send them Velvets they want, some lately received are prized too high for the Natives can't distinguish the fineness.

16. Broadcloth a Drug all over the Bay and at Delhi or should have sent them a Supply.

17. The Gold and Silver thread which would not go off at Madrass Sent to the Bay for a Market, it is return'd back much tarnisht, have sold it at Outcry for near its prime cost and return'd more than its value in Rupees.

18. Have News the Godowns at Bombay were burnt and therein much Broadcloth and Stores.

19. Dollar Silver under 15 dollar weight for 10 Pagodas till the Manilla trade revive not like to be cheaper than 15½ which at 9s. a Pagoda is 20 per cent profit.

20. There is a great Loss on the Lead per Mary and Heathcote thô the Slabs right in Tale as per Consultation 8th September, it was twice weighed.

THIRDLY TOUCHING INVESTMENTS.

21. The Contract advis'd per Cardigan and Kent will be compleated next Month, have borrow'd 50,000 Pagodas to carry it on and must more if the Dartmouth fails them. The Months from February to July the best for providing and curing Cloth, had they not provided early could have sent but one of the 3 Ships dispatcht, the Severe Rains prevented bringing Cloth out of the Countrey and the curing it till the beginning of last month, hope the Company will remedy these inconveniencys, will make a new Contract as well as they can when the Ships are gone.

22. The St. Davids Cantract with Sunca Rama's people but lately compleated, wherein the difference between them and the Old Joynt Stock Merchants is so great, have made a 2nd Agreement for 1,500 Bales to be ready the 1st September some of them will be put on these Ships.

23. Vizagapatam hath sent them above 400 Bales ordinary Longcloth and Sallampores this Season and will 200 more Speedily, the Cloth seems good and being more than used shall send them fresh supplys soon.

24. Most of this Cloth made at Quotapatam Uppara between Vizagapatam and Ingeram, the Moors harrass the Ingeram Countrey so did not send any People thither, if these prove well Mr. Symonds can get 1000 Bales yearly.

25. Believe can get fine Longcloth and Sallampores cheaper made there than at Madrass which shall try.

26. Mallabar Pepper sent on the Mary and Bouverie was not so much as they could have shott, but being wanted in the Bay it rose to 24 Pagodas per Candy therefore bought no more, the Captains obligations to take it in at half freight is No. 16 in the Packet.

27. Have about 600 Bales Longcloth and Sallampores brown cloth for the Dartmouth and more coming in.

28. Best deep blew Longcloth dy'd and St. Davids, the lighter colour dy'd cheaper at Madrass, have dy'd all midling Cloth as they understood the List of Investment thô not usuall.

29. Have sent some Vizagapatam Sticklack, if liked can get 100 Candy of it yearly.

FOURTHLY CONCERNING THE TRADE OF INDIA IN GENERAL AND THEREIN ANY TRANSACTIONS WITH THE COUNTREY GOVERNMENT.

30. Besides what mention'd per Kent of the Orphans and Churches Stock shall now add, Grain being cheap have laid in a Store with the Churches Stock,

the Minister and Church Wardens manage it, will take care they don't raise the Price in buying, or Sell too dear, the Churches Ledger sent, the Journall could not be copy'd in time, the Books annually closed in October ready for the Vestrys Perusall when the Council are present, will send a compleat set next Shipping, Catalogue of the Library now sent of all of value, Copys of the Companys orders for securing them given to the Ministers for their Complyance.

31. Have begun setling a Charity School for educating Poor Protestant Children, 30 of both Sexes taken in, Objects of Charity whose fathers or Mothers were English, have follow'd the Models of the London Schools, with a little of the Companys assistance may advance yet further, the Rules and Orders enter'd in Cousultation after the 9th January, desire any additions thereto the Company think proper.

32. The fund begun on is a transfer from the Churches Stock of what bequeath'd for this purpose, also voluntary collections at the Church, and with the like farther helps hope to defray the expence out of its improvements the Churches Stock sufficient for other uses therefore the School will now be promoted, which has eas'd the Church of several Children, the Books of this Stock are regularly kept and will be annually examin'd with the Churches in October.

33. Have hir'd a house for the School, hope speedily to build a school and lodgings. If the Company would bestow Jersey House, now too much decay'd to be repair'd it is very conveniently placed for it, pray to have some spelling books &c^{a}. and a Bale of Green Serges for the Children.

34. Shall want able School Masters, have entertaind one John Mitchel who came a Souldier on the Mary but says he is in orders, was Chaplain in the Fawlkland to Jamaica Anno 1714, has been in other Men-of-War, but being bound for his Brother who fail'd, chose to fly rather than ly in Prison, will get some to appear in his behalf, Mr. Burchet Secretary of the Admiralty will give him a Character, pray the Companys directions about him, being assur'd he was a Divine of the Church of England chose rather to make him School Master than bear arms, if any among the Souldiers come who can write and cast accounts they may be usefull to the School and to the Companys Affairs.

35. Many advantages may be expected from this Charity School to the Companys and place, as well by instructing ignorant youths as keeping them from the Popish Missionarys who spare no cost to seduce, such as the rendering them usefull in Trade and Serving for Souldiers which will save the cost of sending others from England.

36. Several letters have past between the President and Mr. Grundler, head Missionary at Trincombar, about the Charity Schools at Madrass or St. Davids, he is promis'd the English Assistance but stays for further helps from Europe.

37. In September last Agent Coppin writes all was quiet at Spahaun, all the Companys Priviledges establisht except sending down to Gombroon Goods which must be examin'd because the Dutches are, but this is now don by way of Carmania, and that takes up but 3 or 4 days more, can give no further Account of Trade till the Shipping Arrive, but all looks well and if no Pyrates may hope for Success. Hear no more news of the Ship seen off Madrass Road in February last. The Danes have attempted no further on the Moors since the taking the Ship in Bengall, but wait for orders from Denmark, their Bay trade in the interim lost.

38. Refer to the Bay letters for the Insolence of a Portugeez Fidalgo seizing a Madrass Vessell in that River, refer to the Consultations of the 12th and 26th May about the title of that Vessell, wherein they acted to the best of their Judgment, the case was try'd at Pondicherry whether the Ship was Prize, being taken by Monsieur Boynet after the Cessation of Arms, afterwards try'd at Madrass as per said Consultation, and Judgment given for the Defendant, which

the Fidalgo then being at Madrass approv'd as per Certificate from Bengall, this made the Merchants at Madrass buy her, the Councill thô since concern'd in her Voyage were not then interested in her, have wrote to the Vice Roy at Goa about this Affair, had the Fidalgo carry'd her off in the Bay it would have disgraced the English all over India.

39. The Mogul has given the Command of all the Decan Countrey to Nabob Hassen Ally Caun now stiled Omeer Alle Omrah, Brother to the Grand Vizier, he fought Doud Cawn, Suba of the Guzarat Countrey, at Brampore, and kill'd him with 6 or 7,000 of his best horse, the Mogul privately encourag'd the Quarrell, hoping Doud Cawn would have cutt him off being then too great, but the Mogul seems at present to approve what hath happened. Mr. Surman says he will not regard any Orders from Court to favour the English therefore must pay him great respect the King likely to have no Children and the rest of the Royal blood being cutt off or blind, this Man bids fairest for the Crown if the King dyes.

40 Refer to the Bay advices about the Negotiations at Court. Dr. Hamilton has the King in cure of a dangerous disease with hopes of success in November, if he doth it will be of more service than all the present. Copys of Mr. Surmans Letters enter'd in Copy book and Consultations, have by his means recommendatory letters from Sahid Sallabut Caun Chief Minister and Zoody Caun to Nabob Sadatulla Caun, and another from the Grand Vizier to his Brother Omer All Omrah as per Translates in Countrey Letter Book.

41. Had these Letters arriv'd some months sooner might have sav'd the Expence of a present to the Nabob of 16 Bales Broad Cloth ordinary, the reasons for making it are in Consultations of 13th, 19th 23th and 30th September, 3d, 10th, 20th, 27th October, and 11th November, besides about Pagodas 150 to his Secretary who advises him on all occasions, have not been forward in presenting and therefore hope will approve of what were obliged to.

42. Refer to Consultations of 3d and 20th October why gave 800 Pagodas to Arnatchelum and Nelle Chittees for discovering the Renters Effects at St. Davids, 1,000 Pagodas was fairly due to them. Extracts of this Affair and Mr. Farmers and Woodwards Report sent, which with Mr. Welds reasons for not signing it will show Mr. Farmers Integrity.

FIFTHLY TOUCHING FORTIFICATIONS, BUILDINGS, REPAIRS, AND REVENUES.

43. The Fort not gon on with since the Kents sailing occasion'd by the great rains, 2 sides of the square ready to cover, the other 2 sides will be carry'd up when have bricks, Codalore wall not gon on with for the same reasons. Mr. Noden would have laid out great sums for repairing Madda pollam old Factory which have stopt till know the whole charge in case shall then let him proceed.

44. Vizagapatam buildings so bad not a Shelter for the Factors or Goods, refer to Captain Wotton for the Account, have permitted building a warehouse, and fear must lodging rooms.

45. Revenues carefully collected, List of the last Years sent No. 18.

SIXTHLY TOUCHING FACTORS, WRITERS, OFFICERS, SOLDIERS, AND THEIR ACCOMPTS.

46. Consultation 27th September shows the Examination of the abuses of the Military at St. Davids and the Letters enter'd No. 86 and 127 gave all Encouragement to people to prove the accusations and examin'd the most material on Oath, believe the D. Governor has acted impartially, many useless Persons were in the Coddalore Company formerly Howsons since Johnsons, 40 of them were immediately discharg'd false Musters were and free guardmen in Mr. Raworths time for which broke two Lieutenants and one Ensign. Mr. Wallace most criminal whom Mr. Raworth let lay down the Service, hear he is since sent in a better Post to Bombay, the taking high Interest of the Souldiers for money

advanced began in Mr. Roberts time, and exorbitantly encreas'd by Mr. Baker when Paymaster under Mr. Raworth, but on their falling out the Captains had money advanc'd them which still is the practice and the Souldiers eased thereby and shall be so always. Lieutenant Roach used his men well, never kept any unserviceable under him but turn'd out several and acquainted the President with the abuse of keeping useless Persons who thereupon were discharg'd. The Military now under a good Establishment at the Forts S^{t}. George and St. Davids and shall be so kept, hope the Company will not credit malicious Storys.

47. Consultation 27th September shows had examin'd Mr. Bakers remonstrance, he apply'd the Companys money to his own use and could not repay it, therefore dismist him the service, hath not yet paid all.

48. Mr. Jennings arriv'd from Vizagapatam 7th October is now in Councill. William Harris factor came up with him not being wanted there.

49. George Woollaston being qualify'd for the Stewards Employ and understanding Jentu and Mallabars is made Steward and Henry Spackman discharg'd.

50. Have given James Hubbard 100 Pagodas for his deligence in the Accomptants Office, hope this will excite others to vy with one another in that usefull Office, and be approv'd of by the Company.

51. Refer to Consultation 4th November how the dispute between Lieutenant Roach and Mr. Raworths estate was decided, and to former consultations to explain the whole, he is still a great sufferer by trusting Mr. Raworth with his effects in the Chingee war.

52. Mr. Joseph Smart of Council dy'd 13th December, have not fill'd up the vacancy for the reason in Consultation of 23th Do.

53. Mr. Richard Harrison sent for from St. Davids to clear his accounts in the General Books as per Consultation 9th Instant, is return'd to embark for England, would have had his allowances till the Company dismist him which could not grant as per said Consultation.

54. Mr. Nanney on his request is register of the Mayors Court, will always appoint one of the Council to receive the Sea Customs and clear to the beginning of every year as last year is to the end of October.

55. Mr. Thomas Coales kept writer in the Bay at the President and Councils desire. List of Covenant Servants and Employments sent. Want six as good youths as Joshua Draper for next year.

56. Styleman Gostlyn returns to England on the Bouverie, not fit to be in any the Companys settlements, he and Mr. Harrison justify their proceedings in adhering to Mr. Raworth.

57. Emanuell Sparks, Souldier, kill'd by William Gordon, the two Corporalls their Seconds, as per Depositions No. 25. the three sent home in Irons, have too many Prisoners and must have more till can try them. Copy of the Orders for the Captains to take them on board sent.

58. Refer to the Hanovers Letter what Recruits to send, what lately received better than any of late, being inur'd to service, 50 better than 100. So many yearly would keep up the Garrisons on the Coast, except the West Coast have wrote to Bengall for the Supernumerarys to send thither.

59. Mr. Anthony Supply Surgeon returns on the Mary, desire another, or Surgeons Mates qualify'd to succeed, which will save considerable in the year, have but one, Duncan Munro, under Dr. Robson.

60. The Mint Braminys have paid 500 Pagodas towards the New Mint House, were very unwilling for the Precedents sake and say it is contrary to their Agreement with P^{t}. Higginson, have threaten'd them to get another Sett out of the Countrey, thô could not get any so able.

61. Mr. Raworths account currant sent with Interest fairly charg'd on Warehouse embezzlements, hear of nothing of his in India worth mentioning, had hopes

to have gotten in Tonapa's Effects at Manilla to satisfy this Debt, but now fear can't get a Pagoda.

62. Mr. William Martins account currant sent, no Interest charg'd on it, hath been unfortunate in the Adventures he had abroad and deposited, his Attorneys have about 2,000 Pagodas in their hands, expect he will come to them from Suratt when perhaps may better settle his Account.

SEVENTHLY TOUCHING ACCOMPTS.

63. General Books to the 30th April last sent per Bouverie, other books and accounts to end December sent by both Ships as per Lists.

64. Shall soon adjust the Accompts of the Subordinate Factorys to agree with theirs.

65. Have not wrote off several Bills drawn on the Company because not advised of their being paid, desire better paper and sufficient for the Accounts and Consultations.

66. The following Bills drawn on the Company, Pagodas 962 : 20 : payable to Henry Hankin, Pagodas 2,000 to Abraham Plumbe and Daniel Fox. Pagodas 10,000 to Florentia Warre, Osmond Beavoir, and the Rev. Mr. Lewis. Pagodas 541 : 9 : to Guy, William, and Lionell Vane.

67. This Money hath replenisht their Cash and prevented taking up so much at Interes.

68. The Bouveries Register of Dymonds amounts to Pagodas 22,476 : 5 : 59, and the Marys to Pagodas 22,725 ; 27 : 10. Captain Wottons Register'd Goods to Rupees 29,601 : 15 : and Pagodas 1,244 : 13 : 40. Captain Holdens D°. to Rupees 30,000 and Pagodas 3,784 : 16 : 32, both in the Packet. Bouveries Invoice from the Bay to Madrass is Pagodas 114,459 : 27 : 61, the Marys to Pagodas 128,572 : 29 : 23.

EIGHTHLY TOUCHING THE WEST COAST.

69. Have no advices from thence since the Kent sail'd, 14th October Sent a good Brigantine of sixty tons to Bencoolen laden with Rice and Stores for the Service of that Coast.

70. Mr. Collet designing to come to Madrass have appointed Mr. White Deputy Governor and Mr. Collet to settle when he comes away, but desir'd his longer stay thô would not oppose his coming away because the liberty was granted him to encourage others to go thither, refer to their Letters for what wrote them.

71. By a ship from Mocha in September got some Mexico dollars four Chests sent by the Hannover the 17th instant, shall send the rest by an Europe ship.

SUPPLEMENT.

72. Stanhope and Queen arrived Anjengo in November with the new Governor for Bombay, the news of a war false, the Letters for Madrass left at Galle never were received.

73. The Bouverie and Mary dispatcht to Fort St. Davids the 23th Instant.

74. General Aislabie with the ships Cambridge and Thistleworth homeward bound were off Ceylon in November.

75. Adrian de Visser sent Governor to Negapatam arriv'd a single ship this month, reports a Pyrate under English Colours hath plunder'd a Moors ship in the Streights of Mallacca. The Dartmouth sail'd from Batavia in July for Canton with a French ship from Cadiz.

76. Two St. Mallo French ships arriv'd at Pondicherry from the Bay will sail thence speedily, they pay dear for their goods to get a dispatch, 140 Pagodas a Corge for Madrapauk Bettellees which used to cost 80 to 100.

77. The Garnats sent by Aga Pere Callendar dug up between Gulcondah and Metchlepatam cost 30 rupees a maund and near half as much charge in coming to Madrass.

78. Letters from Callicut dated 5th instant advise too large ships from Ostend under the Emperours Colours are arriv'd, one there the other at Surat, the Callicut ship commanded by Mons^{r}. Sarsfield, both will lade home directly. The Dutch with a great force at Cannanore have begun to attack the Samorine, the English have hoisted their flag at Chittoa, it is thought the Samorine will repulse them.

E. Harrison.
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Wm. Jennings.
Rich^{d}. Horden.
Tho. Cooke.
John Legg.
Jos^{a}. Cooke.
Rand. Fowke.

Abstract of General Letter from Fort St. George to the Company, dated August 29, 1716. Received per Catherine the 12th April 1717. *[Coast and Bay Abstracts, Vol. 2, pp. 52–54. (India Office transcript).]*

1. Their last was of the 22th January (should be the 26th) by the *Bouverie* and *Mary*, they were dispatched from St. Davids the 2d February. Hear the *Mary* was at the Cape in April, and the *Bouverie* separated from her in a Storm.

2. The *Catherine* being dispatcht from Callicut the 5th of May came to Madrass the 21th Do., the Captain made the common excuses for so doing danger of going about the Cape or to Mauritius.

3. Shall dispatch a full ship in October. The *King William* arriv'd 29th May, the *Prince Frederick* the 30th July, the Grantham the 2d August, the King George the 14th ditto, only the Grantham touch'd at the Cape, the ships companys all healthy except the Frederick's who are now recover'd.

4. The Arabella arriving from Surat the 29th May carry'd for Bengall the 5th June 20 Chests of Treasure and Orders for Investments, the Grantham sail'd thither the 11th instant with all her Treasure and 56,000 Rupees, being all then coyn'd ; the remainder of the Fredericks Treasure sent the 30th Instant with ten Chests of the Georges which could not then coyn, but the rest shall be sent on her speedily. Madrass rupees much wanted in the Bay are at 9 per cent Batta and rising.

5. Mexico dollars exceeding dear and not to be got since loss of the Manilla trade, therefore could not send the King William to the West Coast. Have got at last from Mocha 12 Chests but much in small Pieces. Expecting Mr. Collet speedily shall detain the King William till then, that may know what goods to send, and fully instruct Mr. Farmer to perfect the Plan begun by Mr. Collet.

6. Shall answer the Companys Letter and send the General Books by the October ship. Are more in debt than what yet received will pay off because, provided Goods at the best Season, Cotton now so dear at 24 Pagodas a Candy, Goods very dear and not to be got, thô no French ships or money on the Coast.

7. Have had a great deal of trouble by an unhappy accident at Amoy.

8. The Anne formerly the Sherborn went to Amoy anno 1714 with 60,000 Pagodas Stock and upwards, had the Mandarines promise of free trade, the ship Cambridge traded also, on this they appointed their own Creatures only to deal with both ships.

9. The Cambridge with much ado got away in time to save her passage to Bombay after bearing many Civill Impositions and leaving 4 or 5,000 tale behind-which the Chineeses promis'd to make good and the Annes Supra Cargo's were to receive.

10. The Anne thô by contract was to be dispatcht in Season yet was kept all the year round and suffered many great abuses, and thô the Vice Roy of the Province order'd the Merchants should clear Accounts and Dispatch her, yet the Mandarines Partners with the Merchants drove the Supra Cargos from the Shore and the ship out of the inner harbour thô the Merchants ow'd them 26,000 tales besides other Damages.

11. On this the Anne detain'd a laden junk bound for Batavia hoping thereby to get justice.

12. The Tituck promis'd by a Messenger that Satisfaction should be given them, which waiting for, 40 War Junks full of men and 40 boats with Combustible stuff came to destroy them, which a China Messenger discover'd thro' fear of being destroy'd, thereby, the Anne with difficulty got under sail cutting her Cable and tow'd off the Junk too far for the fire boats to follow, then came to an anchor in hopes of an accommodation, but the War Junks beginning to fire at them were forced to put to sea and both the Anne and Junk arriv'd Madrass 14th February.

13. This disaster concerns them on account of the Companys trade to China, for as to that from Madrass better to forbear considering what they have suffer'd for so many years, the Jesuits who best know China, say this must turn to the benefit of the Europeans trade when the Emperour knows it as he will, and will punish the Mandarines.

14. Have endeavour'd to prevent all ill consequences to the trade of Canton and advised the whole to the Companys ships at Batavia, believe the Mandarines of one Province will not mind what don in another. Have sent a French gentlemen well skill'd in the Mandarine language to Maccao, to concert with the English ships how to carry on the trade.

15. Have wrote to Leanqua and Anqua at Canton about this Affair that have sold the Junks cargo because perishable, but have kept an Account to restore when receive satisfaction.

16. Will do all they can to prevent prejudice to the Company, the damage to the Merchants is Pagodas 26,070: 31: 18:, of which one half to the President.

17. Mr. Collet arriv'd yesterday on the Cardonnell and took place in Councill, he acknowledges the favour by letter, he hath sent an account of the West Coast to be forwarded by the Borneo, have not time to examine affairs there, the ships being dispatching to Bengall and Mr. Farmer for Bencoolen.

18. The Brigantine sent last year to the West Coast run away with by one Eaves, Mate of the Rochester, and 14 of her men, who carry'd away the ship's arms and ammunition. Eaves came clandestinely out on the Rochester, and prefer'd by the Captain to be chief mate, turning out good men, and particularly one Washington recommended to him at Madrass.

19. Hear the Dartmouth is at Malacca and stays for the Monsoon to return to Madrass.

20. Augustus Burton factor comes home to look after his effects, desires to return, he is a capable person.

21. Have drawn several Bills for money paid into Cash, viz^{t}. Pagodas 500 payable to Messrs. Lewis Landen and Wendey, Pagodas 619: 15: payable to Captain John Pitt, Pagodas 8,000 payable to Mrs. Florentia Warre, Mr. Beavoir and Mr. Lewis, Pagodas 436: 8: 73: payable to Joan Rhodes and Elizabeth Lane.

22. Bill for 10,000 Pagodas advised by the Mary was on account of Mr. William Warres estate and dated on Sunday by mistake this 8,000 Pagoda Bill is on account of said estate.

23. Register of Dyamonds on this ship sent, and of the Captains Private trade, he was acquainted with the Companys orders about Raw Silk and submits what he has to the Companys goodness.

E. HARRISON.
JOSEPH COLLET.
THO. FREDERICK.
WM. JENNINGS.
RICHARD HORDEN.
THO. COOKE.
JOHN LEGG.
KAND. FOWKE.

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE, DATED OCTOBER 9, 1716. Received per Cardonell the 25th April, 1717. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts, Vol. 2, pp .55—68. (India Office transcript.)*]

1. Their last was by the Catherine, its duplicate enclosed, she sail'd the 3d ultimo. Shall now answer the Companys Letters of the 4th January and 15th February.

2. They always regard the Companys orders whenever received as obligatory, shall range their advices under proper heads and only pass over what requires no answer. The President intending home on the King George in January begs pardon if too concise, he will give account of all by word of mouth.

FIRST CONCERNING SHIPS SENT OUT AND RETURN'D.

3. Glad all the Companys ships arriv'd safely. British Merchant got to Mocha in June and like to be dispatcht, Marlborô, Susanna, and Stringer were gon from Batavia in Season for China.

4. Wish the Cargos for the Coast and Bay had exceeded as much as they fell short of £300,000.

5. Will put all the orders about the Marlboro's Voyage in execution, fear her design in sending round about will not answer. Gold being so dear the Dartmouth forced to lay out most of their money for Gold in Goods, have as much tonnage on their hands as can dispatch in Season.

6. All the papers in the three ships Packets receiv'd as by the Lists.

7. Received 100 pipes of Madera by the King William, it prov'd good and but little leakage occasion'd by the iron hoops and Captains care, have supply'd the Bay, West Coast, and S^{t}. Davids and Vizagapatam therewith for twelve months, will sell the surplus. The French brought no wine this year and the last was not good. The Persia cargo prov'd very indifferent, 100 Pipes a year will save the Company considerably in their expence.

8. Will observe the Companys 15th paragraph about the dispatch of late ships. Ships that have been long in India will be afraid to push for their Passage because of bad weather.

9. The Bouveries and Arabellas freight voyages will equall the Hannovers &c^{a}. Surat so glutted with Bay Goods like to get little freight thither this Season. The Stanhope on freight for Bengall departed Madrass 5th September. Will correspond with Bombay on all occasions for the Companys benefit.

10. Have of late full supplys from the Bay of Petre and Stores, the ordering Captains to demand Petre in the Bay was hit upon by them, will lade no more petre than order'd.

11. Have answer'd the 19th paragraph about Captain Reid. Wish the Hester may succeed at Benjar, can't depend on her lading at the West Coast as shall advise in the sequell.

12. Could not send the Kent to China till regain the Manilla trade, and while the Company send round about ships to China.

13. Wonder the Company should find fault with Captain Luhornes register, being the same with Captain Phrips, shall take better care hereafter.

14. The Companys generosity to Captain Martin and Officers for defending the Marlboro' will doubtless excite others.

15. Paragraph 26 about the Cardigan &c^{a}. hath been answer'd before, hope she arriv'd soon after the St. George.

16. They never pay freight to Bencoolen but when unavoidable, Rochester last year and now the King William sav'd that charge.

17. Mr. Henry Johnson had been at Madrass in a Portuguez ship from Lisbon and Mosambique, went to Bengall for Goods for Brazile. Hear nothing of Captain Opie. Have news from the Mallabar Coast of the Ostenders, believe their owners belonged to St. Mallo by what hear from Pondicherri. Mr. Johnsons owners are Dutch at Amsterdam and some of the Portugall Court, his ship 400 tons, and stock £10,000 depends on the trade of Bengall and Mosambique where his captain is well acquainted, they got Mexico money of him while at St. Thoma the Moors carest him there, he did nothing at Madrass. Will seiz any English in such ships hereafter, desire to know whether may such as are in foreign service.

18. Always send arrack to St. Helena when not don at the Bay, will hereafter invoice the gallons, Dutch Leagers formerly held 160 gallons, now seldom more than 125 to 130.

19. Borneo from the West Coast arriv'd 20th February wanting men and provisions, the Captain protested 2d March and had an answer then consented to return to the West Coast 1,160 Pagodas paid as per charter party to him as per receipt. Supply'd him with men &c^{a}. 18th April dispatcht him to Bencoolen with Soldiers, Provisions, &c^{a}. desired, refer to the West Coast letter dated in July about her, 200 bales longcloth put aboard her towards her Cargo.

20. Mary Buoyer from Bengall arrived with Petre packing stuff &c^{a}. 8th March, she made two trips to St. Davids 7th April return'd her to Bengall full of lead and iron and 10,000 Pagodas for Vizagapatam, she arrived safe at both places.

21. Maddapollam yatch made several trips between Madrass and St. Davids in March and April, is gon to Vizagapatam to refitt and bring up bales, will send account of expences and earnings.

22. Ship William, Captain Upton, from Bombay sail'd 27th May for Canton, hear the Company are concern'd in her Cargo.

23. The new sloops George and Charles built at Surat for the Bay arriv'd 24th May badly mann'd and fitted, supply'd their wants and dispatcht them the 30th under the Delbens convoy.

24. Expect the Arabella daily from Bengall with 150 bales of Goods to be fill'd up and dispatcht home.

25. Refer to Consultation 5th of June why did not send the King William to the West Coast, she brought 389 bales from St. Davids the 2d August and sail'd the 15th for the West Coast, with the New Deputy Governor, 30 soldiers, provisions &c^{a}., if can't dispatch her and the Catherine by the 31st March she is to return to Madrass.

26. Having so much Tonnage on the West Coast have laden the Cardonnel home as per Consultation 31st August. Receipt for her charterparty money sent, have left his Iron Kintlage aboard as per Consultation 10th September.

27. King George sail'd for Bengall the 10th September to be return'd in December with 400 Bales, shall dispatch her and the Dartmouth in January.

SECONDLY CONCERNING GOODS SENT AND TO BE SENT FROM ENGLAND.

28. Will endeavour to put off all the Woollen Goods thô more than wrote for. Will make due use of the reason why the Auroras and Scarlets are dearer, the fine and the embost cloths and Perpets are good and proper Sortments, but the Perpets are mildew'd for want of being well dry'd, if find other faults when dispose of them will advise.

29. Account of damage broad cloth by the George and Frederick adjusted with the Captains sent.

30. Will follow directions in advising of particular Cloth complain'd of.

31. Lead wanting by the Prince Frederick $14^{cwts}.\ 3^{qrs}.$ and $11^{cwts}.\ 3^{qrs}.\ 25^{lb}.$ per George thô weigh'd off exactly, suspect the fault in the weights, desire a sett of brass weights for a standard to be kept for trying weights made at Madrass, and two sets more for the Warehouse and six large good Beams.

32. Shall want small arms by the next ships. List of Medicines wanting sent, desire some for St. Davids.

33. Gold and Silver thread will not now sell, if none comes by next shipping what now wrote for will sell well.

34. The former Essay Master mistook in his Report about the fineness of Cruzados, the present is better skill'd and reports them $2\frac{1}{2}^{d}$ weight worse than standard, by which shall be govern'd hereafter, they allow'd but 3 dwt. thô 4 was reported.

35. Most of the Coral of this and last year unsold, hope to send the account in January. If the Dyamond trade be not forborn a year or two can have no Gains but on the Silver, Silver necessary to help on their trade, are thankfull for the Commission.

36. Have 200 Bales Broadcloth remaining besides all that came this year, the Joynt Stock Merchants have about 350 Bales, the Perpets sold at Outcry being most mildew'd about 30 per cent on Invoice.

37. Refer to Consultations for account how they got off the Woollen Goods last year, the worm having got into the Green and in another year would have spoil'd it. Some of the Pieces the Merchants had not worth now half they gave for it. If cloth be not well cur'd and dry'd before packed it will spoil in the Godowns, the Merchants will no longer take it till open'd and then it will soon spoil. Last years green cloth and part of the Auroras had the worm in the lists before it came ashore, so were forc'd to sell it but at 30 per cent.

38. Lead and Iron all sold before the ships arriv'd, expecting quantityes wrote for, but have received no Iron thô desired 106 tons. Have received 170 tons of lead thô wrote for but 50. Shall want Iron for necessary uses, also sheet lead, twine and pump leather as wrote for, have 500 Powder horns, which did not desire, 50 powder sieves sent all rotten, 182 Coyls of Cordage lyes perishing, desire to be supply'd according to Lists then nothing shall be wasted or spoil.

39. Shall in January send Lists of what wanted for use and sale which will not be more than what received last year.

40. Silver sold 15th June as per Consultation, it is now at 14 and $14\frac{1}{8}$ having so little and the French bringing none.

41. Essay Masters report of Silver essays enter'd in Consultation 13th August before coyn'd any for the Bay, will do so yearly to show which Silver is best to send.

THIRDLY TOUCHING INVESTMENTS.

42. Have endeavour'd to remedy all Complaints under this head. Will obey the orders for Investments now received and sent to St. Davids and Vizagapatam, what relates to them pressing complyance and particularly about coyning.

43. Will endeavour to get the Longcloth W. 1. and 2. better made, hope the Tanjore and Nagoor cloth sent proved well, it is better than W. French Dutch and Danes give the same prices and often dearer.

44. Mr. Jennings bought the Vizagapatam Goods now commended, hope Mr. Symonds will merit as much.

45. Madrass Sallampores never broader than a Covid and an eighth, sometimes they will shrink in washing, thô hold full breadth brown, will try to have the same breadths as at St. Davids.

46. Are sensible the Blue Longcloth was bad don, chose to have it dy'd at St. Davids because cheaper. Mr. Baker to blame, will have what demanded dy'd here thô it cost more.

47. Glad the Ganjam Sallampores were liked sent more last Season and will some this, can't always work in the same Places, but where the Countrey is not harassed when take short measure do abate for it.

48. Were afraid could not get striped Bettelles good at the prices order'd, have wrote to Vizagapatam about the Companys orders and hope what now making will answer.

49. Complaints about the Chints remedy'd.

50. Shall observe what wrote about the French enlarging their Investments and wrote to St. Davids about it, no French ship arriv'd this Year, they invested aboat 40,000 Pagodas early in the Spring.

51. Package of Goods at Vizagapatam regulated to the Madrass method therefore did not mention anything about it, did give them strict orders about it. Mr. Cranwell, Warehousekeeper dy'd worth very little, so could not refund if overcharg'd anything nor could they fix the blame on anyone, suppose the profit on overcharging hath been accounted for there as it is at Madrass, their Accounts before confused are now regulated.

52. Will take care to send the Camphire as order'd when the Marlbrô arrives. Wrote last year about the Pepper, the French gave 26 Pagodas a Candy for all they could get.

53. Last January advis'd were 50,000 Pagodas in debt for money to carry on a new Investment for want of the Dartmouths stock. Stretch'd their credit to continue investing at Madrass and St. Davids and Vizagapatam in the best of the Season, ow'd near 100,000 Pagodas when the King William arriv'd with her money for the West Coast and money paid in on deceaseds estates paid off 57,000 Pagodas the better to borrow another time which shall be necessitated to do, because most of the Dartmouths stock is for Great Britain, fear the Marlbrô must do the same and also loose her passage, and have no Cash, yet hope to lade home the Cardonnell, Arabella, King George, and Dartmouth, by the last shall send true state of their affairs, hope the Company will send large supplys of Silver, which now yields 30 per cent profit, rather than pay interest for what Invest, or take Pagodas into Cash at 9s.

54. Sunca Ramahs peoples Contract at St. Davids will be compleated this month, the Goods yet view'd answer pretty well, if encourag'd to another contract will find money to carry it on.

55. Course Goods now made at Vizagapatam on the Merchants own accounts to be paid for in ready money at contract Prices as brought in, but the Orders for altering the breadths of the Sallampores has stop'd all business, therefore have directed the Merchants be made easy for this year, will endeavour for better breadths the next.

56. Merchants at Madrass employ'd all the year in providing Goods, but Cotton rising from 16 to 25 Pagodas the Candy makes the quantity of Cloth less and the Muster inferiour so that are forced to throw out half of what brought in.

FOURTHLY CONCERNING THE TRADE OF INDIA IN GENERAL AND THEREIN ANY TRANSACTIONS WITH THE COUNTREY GOVERNMENT.

57. Thankfull for the Companys Promise Paragraph 62, desire to know whether may proceed on the old Commission from King William to try Pirates, if not pray to have a new one with the necessary directions relating to accessarys.

58. Don't complain of the last years trade in General, part of their Stock was left behind at Mocha by the Governments roguery, hear Bombay hath made a settlement there, and that the English Supra Cargos act separately from them, which will prejudice the Companys affairs.

59. Ship sent in October 1713 to the river Sundy under Captain Wesly and Mr. Cooke, Supra Cargos, was taken by the Sanganian Pyrates. Micawn, Nabob of the Countrey, seiz'd the Effects as belonging to Captain Wesly, who dy'd in his way up the river Indus, but on Mr. Cookes paying him rupees 5000 he let him go in January last. Have advised Mr. Surman at Court with the whole Transaction to get Justice on Mi Caun and prevent the like in future.

60. Thô the Manilla Trade may revive by King Philips new Measures, since King Lewis' death, yet it must be a work of time, for the French have fill'd the Spanish Indies with Goods and the Merchants of Manilha can't vend theirs at Acapulco so that the debts owing there, or trade thither is not likely to be recover'd in years.

61. Sorry the Embassy to the Moguls Court is not yet ended, what advices have thereof are enter'd in their Consultations, and their Answers in the Letter Books, have prest them to conclude, thô can't get all their Petition granted, rather than continue, this the Bay also agree in.

62. Believe the Persians will not care to part with the English on easy terms now the Company have order'd to get Satisfaction for damages or leave to withdraw.

63. The President much pleas'd the Company clear him of the false aspersion of engrossing grain, when he only endeavour'd to relieve the Poor. Paddy now cheap, and Rice 320 lb. to pagoda, will keep the Place well supply'd.

64. They refer to Consultations of several dates and divers Letters in their Books for a full Account of bringing the Junk from Amoy, were necessitated to do as they did, the Produce of the Junk and Cargo ready to be paid into Cash, forced to send home the tea because the Company restrain the quantity in Private Trade and would not let the Lisbon Interloper have any, desire the net produce may be apply'd to accommodate affairs and kept the Account apart or as the Company shall direct, have for form valued it at 30 Pagodas the Pecull.

65. Refer to book No. 5. for the Memoriall about the Transactions at Amoy, the letters from Father Laureati of his Solicitations thereupon at Fontchu, and other Papers and attestations which the President will bring with him in January.

66. Have been at Quiet with the Government at Madrass and St. Davids, the Nabob is marching by the Kings order into the Misore Countrey, no disturbance at Vizagapatam, but the frequent changes of the Sieur Lascars who demand presents as they pass the Companys bounds, very troublesome, about Madapollam and Metchlepatam, so wish the Factory sold, pull'd down, or given away.

67. Hear from Callicut the Dutch expect a strong reinforcement from Batavia to attack the Samorine, they have seiz'd several vessells under the Companys

passes and Colours and a Monchu of Mr. Adam's, took out the Cargo, hauled her dry ashore, put the Europeans in irons, forced them to sign Declamations in Dutch to condemn the vessells as belonging to the Samorines people, they pretend Mr. Adams assisted the Samorine and do this for revenge. He is likely to suffer in his fortune for vindicating the Companys rights, were he timely assisted he might prevent the Dutch designs to engross the Pepper Trade on that Coast, which if don they could soon do the like on Sumatra.

FIFTHLY TOUCHING FORTIFICATIONS, BUILDINGS, REPAIRS, AND REVENUES.

68. Part of Cuddalore Wall finish'd, don't think to proceed further till order'd. President's illness prevented his going thither at the leisure time, has not fail'd of advising thither as the Letters will show, will now proceed on what most necessary. Sorry have so much to do being in debt for the Investments in January shall write more at Large.

69. Do always let the Farms capable of Improvements for as short a time as possible, so as people might have encouragement to be at charge to improve them.

70. Accomptant admonisht to send all Lists truly examin'd to prevent Complaints as in Paragraph 77. The Shops mention'd paragraph 78 were never begun because of more necessary works.

71. The Method for Receipts and Payments of Money so settled can be no abuse while observ'd, have sent some orders to St. Davids and Vizagapatam, will see they are comply'd with.

72. Have order'd St. Davids to settle Mr. Welds Account as directed, paragraphs 81 and 82, and to advise all whoever certifys receipts of Custom &c^{a}. not actually paid shall make good Principal and Interest, same is made known at Madrass.

73. In answer to paragraph 83 Mr. Weld clear'd of the Article of Timber and Plank, because nothing was prov'd against him, not only because his Account was past, shall regard the directions in cases of the like nature.

74. Can't draw out the Rent roll till the end of the year when due without charge and prejudice to the Revenue it takes up a great deal of time, it is now duly collected thô later than the Company seem to approve.

75. Having answer'd all under this head, shall advise of a dangerous attempt to lessen the Sea Customs.

76. Auga Mogheme who liv'd at Madrass in Governor Pits time at Zeowdy Cauns request, last year was made Phousdar of St. Thoma, and got privately a Grant for all Patans trading yearly between Bengall and Madrass to import at St. Thoma paying only two per cent custom, the Patans being the Moguls Subjects sign'd a penal obligation to land their goods at St. Thoma soon discover'd this Project. Some Goods were landed but brought to Madrass and paid land custom, Secur'd all the rest to be brought to Madrass and got the Patans Contract cancelled, the Nabob enrag'd at this, as per Consultation 16th February &c^{a}., gave him good words and yielded the dispute about the Jentue Pagodas as per Consultation 15th of January and a Cowl to Delell Caun an old Inhabitant for his good service, as per Consultation 23th April. This Branch brings in 10,000 Pagodas a year, seldom less, Auga Mogheem used the Nabobs Interest to reconcile himself to the Governor, but think it not safe ever to let him reside at Madrass again.

SIXTHLY TOUCHING FACTORS, WRITERS, OFFICERS, SOLDIERS, & THEIR ACCOMPTS.

77. Richard Bridges Writer dy'd in the voyage, the other five seem towardly.

78. Will never take Persons into the Service without great necessity, frequent changes in the Accomptants Office hath hinder'd the work to be don there, if

those come abroad understood accounts could by keeping them there make them qualify'd. Will endeavour to comply with the orders in paragraph 88. Hope the favour to Mr. Hubbard will excite others imitation. At present have promising Persons in all the Branches of the Companys business, will send a List in January as requir'd.

79. Will permit Persons residing in India when dismist as order'd.

80. Will let the Council continue without adding if but 7 as per paragraph 91.

81. Directions about Mr. Martins and Raworths Separate and Joynt Accounts clearly laid down, but can find no Effects of Tonapa's, have advis'd those at Manilla lost. Mr. William Martin has given them trouble, as per Consultation 2d, 5th, 12th, 17th July, as he came from Bombay to the Bay and Mocha where are the reasons for not detaining him, his Account Currant stands clear in the Books.

82. Shall follow the orders about Mr. Empsons Warehouse Account, the Widow thankfull for the relief afforded her, will never let money be paid of deceas'd Persons till their accounts are adjusted.

83. Shall audit the old Joynt Stock Merchants Accounts as directed paragraph 95.

84. Rules now laid down about the Succession are very plain and shall be observ'd.

85. Paragraph 98 answer'd last year, reason for what they wrote in September, 1713, about Lieutenant Roaches Gratuity, were sensible he was at more expence than the Gratuity amounted to, however, can now go no further unless the Company consider him hereafter.

86. Own the omission in not witnessing the Covenants of Emmerson, Wilford and Harris, the lasts now sent executed, the other two shall in January.

87. Mr. Shipman did empower the President and Mr. Benyon to receive Mr. Raworths effects, but no orders to pay them into Cash. Mr. Benyon being dead the President refused to act, the reasons he will give verbally, what ever have heard of his lyes in the Companys Cash he yet owes on the Companys books Pagodas 33,006 : 18 : $1\frac{3}{4}$.

88. Wish the Persons who gave the Intimation in paragraph 103 would have apply'd to them for a remedy, the paragraph was sent to St. David, their Answer is in the Letter Book No. 82, the Person who inform'd has no veracity to be confided in.

89. The Writers are sensible of the favour in not sending Factors over their heads, hope it will excite their Improvement. Have now double the writing work of what was seven years ago or at any time before. Complaints of negligence, omissions, and business ill don now remedy'd, hope therefore may be supply'd according to the List formerly sent, the West Coast must on occasion be supply'd, all are kept to business.

90. Souldiers at the Bay reduced, so that could not supply Bombay as requested, Souldiers at the Fort healthy by removing the Mint and conveniency of the free Guard House care of the Hospitall and Discipline, have enô, thô several sent to Bencoolen, but if Bencoolen is to be supply'd from Madrass, desire some every Season.

91. Will never be Executors or Trustees for the Estates of deceased Persons for the reasons mention'd, paragraph 107, but will be ready to advise such as are. Do encourage the Ministers and Church Wardens, few deserve Mr. Lewes's character.

92. Will consider about John Turton when the President comes home.

93. Letter No. 25 gives the reason why can't send proper Persian Translators to the Bay, might soon make one qualify'd there.

94. Will assist Captain Woodville's Trustees when they desire it.

95. Will give Mr. William Harris encouragement according to his merit, can say no more of him at present.

96. John Lauder thankfull for being entertain'd, his Covenants return'd.

97. Shall follow the orders about Mr. Joseph Bullock when he arrives.

98. Have entertain'd a capable Braminy to teach Persians &c^{a}. languages as per Consultation 7th February.

99. James White a souldier in Irons for murdering a Topaz, another at St. Davids for a rape; sorry the Company forget to obtain power to try such notorious offenders.

100. Thomas Gray of Council at St. Davids dy'd 18th April. John Smith and Robert Berriman, the ablest servants there, added to the Council.

101. Refer to Consultation 19th and 26th April about old Agent Greenhills heirs demand, who is very poor and his representation seems just, in Governor Pits time the ground was made use of who doubtless knows the case.

102. John Mitchell whom they recommended last year proves a very ill man, as per Consultation 15th June, is sent home.

103. Lieutenand Gabriel Poirier dy'd 4th July, a very good officer, they then broke the 3d company into the other two, whereby save Sargeants and Corporals, who are to be reduced to private centinells when found drunk on their duty, by an establisht rule.

104. Lieutenant Orrill, who came from the West Coast with leave, continued at Madrass in the service, is diligent and sober.

105. Richard Bridges Writers effects paid into Cash being Pagodas 48 : 31 : think his sister has most right to it.

106. Have given James Hubbard a years standing for his great diligence, and made him sub-accomptant to have the more power over his Inferiours, he deserves now very well.

107. Mr. Stevenson, Chaplain, intends home the next year or year after as per request 27th ultimo in Consultation.

SEVENTHLY TOUCHING ACCOMPTS.

108. Acknowledge did not mention the summe wrote off to Mr. Jeremy Harrisons Account in part of his Debt, will observe the reprimand in paragraph 117 for the future.

109. Order for Warehousekeepers and others being accomptable for their Servants is hung up in the Several offices.

110. Consultations for the three last years show have distinguisht the payments made by the Warehousekeepers for what account and whether in part or whole.

111. Paragraph 121 about St. Davids and others sent thither as per letter No. 81, and their Answer is No. 82.

112. Hope Mr. Hastings, Deputy Governor, will retrench all superfluous expences, encourage usefull Inhabitants, increase the Revenue, and further the Investment with Care and Integrity, shall remind him and lessen the Garrison next Season for the West Coast, could reduce the monthly expence to under 2,000 pagodas if it were not for the Buildings.

113. Have endeavour'd to lessen the Expences of Vizagapatam, Mr. Symonds active therein, and in raising the Revenues and increasing the Investments for ready money, the Natives make no Complaints.

114. Last year wrote about securing the 6,000 pagodas from the St. Davids Renters, and of Mr. William Martins Account in this Letter shall send it yearly till discharg'd.

115. Tonapa languishes in Prison Insolvent can discover no more of his effects, wish he could by law be made a publick example to deter others.

116. Touching Serrapas Accompts there might be mistakes easily made in value of his houses and Gardens mortgag'd for more than they were worth and to others he had no title, he deny'd the debt transfer'd from the old Companys Books which was don in an irregular manner, merits no other Compassion than his great poverty.

117. Subordinate Cash Accounts examined as received and shall always be so.

118. Will remedy the faults in the Copper money when send more to St. Helena.

119. When Sen^{r}. Nicolas Manuch desires to come to England will let him, he never was deny'd, his effects will ly in little room.

120. Have advised Fort St. David of the determination on Robert Berrimans case of the 450 pagodas debt on the Arrack lycence and other matters.

121. Mr. Ziegenbald and family came on the Prince Frederick and went by land to Trincombar, hope the money he brought may be apply'd as intended for the schools are annually a great charge, but if otherwise and can't prove it fully will be censur'd, have always been willing to serve them.

122. Shall answer the paragraph about Mr. Hastings fully in January.

123. Don't know of any Effects left by Mr. Raworth in India, more than already advised of, he carryed all books with him and Papers, except what he left in his Attorneys Lieutenant Roaches hands who has advised Mr. Shipman of them. Mr. Raworth had but little to carry on the French Ships, which was rais'd by selling his horses &c^{a}. of that he paid 290 pagodas for the diamond ring design'd for the captain of the ship he went on.

124. Barnewells Letter to Mr. Raworth was true, he was empower'd but could recover nothing. Shall get the Box of Cajans and Writings translated and sent in January if will give any light shall make the best use of them.

125. Mr. Symonds Silver deliver'd to his order, Mr. Nanney is Register of the Mayors Court as advised, will encourage Mr. John Blunt when he arrives.

126. Fifty of the sixty Chests Silver per King George sent speedily to the Bay. Private Persons Silver mention'd in the Invoice deliver'd, the Companys orders about Raw Silk sent to the Bay the 30th August, the captains all acquainted with it.

127. Dr. Chadsleys Effects on the General books divided among his Creditors not enô to pay his Debts.

128. Mr. Thomas Parker who dy'd on the West Coast had Credit for pagodas 411 : 31 : wherewith paid his debts at Madrass as per Consultation 23th Aprill 21th and 25th May, there remains but pagodas 43 : 31.

129. Have paid Rowland Wilsons effects left on the West Coast to his Widow and only Child at Madrass being pagodas 208 : 14 : 4.

130. Will answer the Accomptants letter of the 15th February by the January ship.

131. Pagodas 196 : 28 : 2 : paid in by Mr. Thomas Cooke and John Legg in full of Richard Smiths estate, they desire to have a legall discharge to secure them from future demands.

132. Have received several summes into Cash for which have given Bills Exchange viz^{t}. pagodas 3,657 : 6 : 20 : payable to John Bedwell, pagodas 1,000 payable to Grace Orrill, pagodas 2,000 payable to Mr. George Lewis and Mr. John Styleman, pagodas 444 : 16 : payable to Mrs. Elizabeth Fawkner, pagodas 11,111 : 4 : payable to John Bedwell, being in all pagodas 18,212 : 6 : 20., this occasion'd by the dearness of Dyamonds.

133. Their Books to 30th Aprill 1716 are compleatly ballanced. Vizagapatam books not received till 23th September so could not send them copy'd now, but will in January.

134. Thirteen Chests Garnets laden on this ship by Coja Zouraad, Armenian, on the same conditions as those per Kent.

EIGHTHLY TOUCHING THE WEST COAST.

135. By the Borneo will receive a full account of affairs till Mr. Collet left that Coast, its Duplicate now sent.

136. Have order'd them to demand yearly what Coast and Bay Goods they want, to prevent buying of private ships will be sure to supply them, they are to write to England for Europe stores and Goods to have at best hand.

137. Mr. Farmer went the 15th September on the King William with a Commission and Instructions as in No. 7^{o}. wish he answer expectations. Many good things begun require good management to perfect. Mr. Collet will have a watchfull eye over that Settlement, which he perfectly understands.

138. Wonder Mr. Farmer, who should have gone directly on the Catherine, came to Madrass on the King George, and the Company gave no advice of it, the Council there is left as Mr. Collet setled it. Mr. Shilling commended fit to succeed if Mr. Farmer dyes.

139. Have eased the West Coast Tonnage by the King William last year, the Cardonnell now and 200 Bales for the Borneo, two bad seasons disappointed them of Pepper, the Catherine like to be timely dispatcht or if she fails the King William.

140. West Coast had been under great necessity had not Mr. Collet paid in a large summe on coming thence, which repaid here at 14$\frac{3}{4}$ dollars for ten Pagodas, as per Consultation 17th September, have given liberty to receive dollars there to a limited amount to be repaid in dollars at Madrass or else the dollar would be brought from thence till cheaper which is not likely.

141. Sent but fifteen Chests on the King William to the West Coast which with what left when Mr. Collect came will support them till next year and carry on business. Silver will sell at 14 dollors and 14$\frac{1}{8}$ dollars for 10 Pagodas.

142. Having no allowance for the West Coast Service runs them more in debt, believe the 20 Chests for the West Coast was reckon'd part of the Fort Stock, for else have not what propos'd.

143. Mr. John Erwyn who came from the West Coast return'd a Lieutenant with Mr. Farmer.

144. The Sloop Marlbrô sending for the West Coast lost at Sea shamefully as per West Coast Letters and Consultations, went away well fitted and jocund.

145. Have only the President for the West Coast Service and a sloop building on a Javan prow, don't think of sending any at present.

SUPPLEMENT.

146. Dartmouth arriv'd 1st instant from China, she lay at Acheen from 17th Aprill to the 12th August, are unlading her, and shall advise further by the Arabella.

147. Thô the Amoy News was at Canton a month before the Dartmouth came away, yet the English were not disturb'd, the Merchants knowing the ill usage the Anne met with were not surprized. The Mandarins meddle not with anything out of their Province without speciall Command of the Emperour, those at Amoy hide it from him, a Relation of all sent by the English to the Jesuits at Court attested by their Brethren eye witnesses.

148. The Arabella arriv'd from the Bay yesterday, Captain Hinton, Commander, Captain Reid dy'd 9th September, are hastening her away, shall write by her.

149. Register of Dyamonds and Garnets being Pagodas 36,113 : 3 : 34. sent, and Captain Mawsons private trade being Pagodas 1920: 5 : 76.

150. Cardonnells Invoice with the Bohea tea amounts to Pagadas 54,095 : —: 77.

E. HARRISON.
JOSEPH COLLET.
THO: FREDERICK.
WM. JENNINGS.
RICH: HORDEN.
THO: COOKE.
JOHN LEGG.
JOS[a]: COCKE.
RAND: FOWKE.

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY, DATED OCTOBER 15, 1716. Received per Arabella the 24th Aprill, 1717. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts, Vol. 2, pp. 68–69. (India Office transcript).*]

1. By the Cardonnell wrote the 9th instant, she sail'd the 12th, the Rains hinder'd the sooner dispatch of the Arabella, Turmerick shot in the hold or had put Tea on board, she brings 100 Canisters of the Junks tea between decks and in the Cabbin.

2. Dartmouth but partly unladen by reason of the Rains, the Tootenague now getting out and saltpetre supply'd in its room, fear she must go into deeper water for safety.

3. Captain Reids receipts for Pagodas 233 : 12 : Charterparty money sent and the Captains receipts for the Bengall books and Packet.

4. Account of the Arabella's freight voyage from Bengall sent.

5. Madapollam Yatch arriv'd from Vizagapatam with Bales, gon to Cuddalore river till the Monsoon is over.

6. The Companys ships all at Rogues River except the Frederick at Ballasore before the Arabella came from thence.

7. Register Dyamonds per Arabella Pagodas Eleven Thousand two hundred and eight 8 : 33 : her Invoice Pagodas 33,362: 11 : 7. being dangerous to delay ships now hasten her away.

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ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY, DATED JANUARY 3 & 7, 1717. Received per King George 29th June, and per Dartmouth the 6th August 1717. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts, Vol. 2, pp. 90–96 (India Office transcript).*]

1. Shall now answer the Paragraphs of the Companys letters by the King William and Frederick which were not don by the Cardonnel and Arabella under proper heads.

FIRST CONCERNING SHIPS SENT OUT AND RETURN'D.

2. Arabella sail'd 15th October, 18th Ditto the St. David Monchu sail'd for Vizagapatam with 7,000 Pagodas and to bring back what Bales could procure by the New Year for the Ships. Are advis'd of her Arrival and that she will bring at least 3(0 Bales by Christmass.

3. The King George return'd from Bengall the 8th December, a great Mortality there among the Natives, which hinders their business, will dispatch the Grantham in January for England and the Prince Frederick to the Fort with part of her lading in December. Refer to Consultation why four Criminals sent up from the Bay will be sent to St. Helena.

4. Mary and Leonora from Junk Ceylon arriv'd the 9th December with five of the George Brigantines Men, of which her Boatswain and two of the Rochesters men were forc'd away, the other two John Rogers and Roger Bullamore of the Rochester active in the Pyracy, as per Consultation 13th December, are confin'd in Prison and will be try'd, if guilty will keep them under sentence till have the Companys orders. There is a necessity of Power for capital punishments. Hear no news of the Brigantine since she left Junk Ceylon in September, suppose is gon to the Streights of Malacca.

5. Hear the Stanhope left Bengall the 20th November, likely to arrive early at Bombay.

6. Account of the Madapallam Yatchts expences and earnings to 30th November sent, have order'd St. Davids to do the same for December.

7. Surgeon of the Georges Receipt for the souldiers head money sent.

8. 1,465 Bags of Petre laden on the Dartmouth above Charterparty as per Captains request.

9. Enclosed come Captain Blows and Captain Lewis's Obligations for taking Pepper at half freight.

10. Letters from Callicut advise the Sarum and Amelia arriv'd Anjengo the beginning of November, were taking in Pepper for Bombay. British Merchant arriv'd Callicut the 19th September and sail'd 15th October. A strong Squadron of Dutch ships and 4,000 fresh men arriv'd Cochin to pursue the war against the Samorine, Mr. Adams believes the Samorine will be able to deal with them.

SECONDLY CONCERNING GOODS SENT AND TO BE SENT FROM EUROPE.

11. October 22nd sold at Outcry the Dartmouths Tutenague, quicksilver, and vermillion, and three Chests of her wrought silks. Gave notice to treat for the mettals but were offer'd no more than 55 Pagodas for the Quicksilver and Vermillion and 25 for the Tootenague, but at the Outcry sold the Tootenague at about 30 and the others at 66 Pagodas a Candy and the silk at 80 per cent on prime cost. Surat and Bengall glutted with Tootenague so it will fall, got but little by what now sold.

12. Account remains of all Europe Goods sent with List of demands for the year 1718. Have sold 400 Bales of late the Worm beginning to get into it allow'd the Merchants three months Credit.

13. Have but small quantity of Broadcloth remaining, hope to raise the Price before the Shipping of 1718 arrive.

14. Have sent a List of Remains of stores and what wanting for use and sale, also of Medicines and of yearly Materials for the Essay Master, desire Medicines for St. Davids besides.

15. The Boddila Gold and Silver received from the Bay sold at 25 per cent loss per Outcry.

16. Have sent Account of sales of Coral No. 38 as compleat as they could being a falling Commodity and sold in small parcells.

THIRDLY TOUCHING INVESTMENTS.

17. Are now to give a full account of their present circumstances.

18. Have continued their investments at all places with diligence to fill up the ships, hope to dispatch the King William from the Bay if the Prince Frederick from the Bay dont want too much.

19. The Dartmouths cargo from China Goods and Gold produced net but Pagodas 49,686: 35: 48. are now in debt but 20,000 Pagodas, have sent to St. Davids 30,000 Pagodas, and to Vizagapatam 7,000 to be invested.

20. The Merchants owe about 40,000 Pagodas for Broadcloth and have brought in lately as much Goods.

21. Account remains in warehouse but small as per List but can't vend them because the Merchants have more than can dispose of before next ships. Account Cash very low shall owe 40,000 Pagodas when all the ships are dispatcht. If the Marlborough save her passage and bring in her no Goods for Europe it will set all right.

22. Rents and Revenues will barely maintain all the Factoryes and charges of building at all places, so must invest on Interest or can't get goods timely for the next ships. If can reconcile the Chittee and Quomitty Casts may borrow money of them.

23. Submit to the Company whether should be forced to borrow when have most occasion for it to invest withall, had been yet more in debt at 8 per cent Interest if had not received such unusual sums for Bills of Exchange.

24. Hope the complaints of the Investments at St. Davids will lessen. The Bettellees are much better.

25. Two bales Vizagapatam Neckcloths now sent for a tryal came too late to be washt, they are in half pieces that they might be made evener.

26. Have received but two Bales Bettellees strip'd from Vizagapatam since sent the last orders, fear will not answer expectation, can't get good under 50 to 60 Pagodas a Corge.

27. Could not get Madrapauck Betellees provided by Musters on Contract, therefore bought them as they presented thô not so good as used to be, but few of three Covids sent and of two Covids not so many as order'd being so much dearer than usual by the great demand and not so well made.

28. December 17th permitted Captain Lewis to shoot his Turmerick and took out 40 Chests of his Shellack to make room for more tea.

FOURTHLY CONCERNING THE TRADE OF INDIA IN GENERAL AND THEREIN ANY TRANSACTIONS WITH THE COUNTREY GOVERNMENT.

29. The Affair at the Moguls Court seems more promising than it hath of late been, will have a full Account thereof from the Bay.

30. Account of the trouble by the right and left hand Casts, the Quomitys or Banyans a subdivision of the right hand cast beginning a Ceremony before a Public Pagoda which the Chittees said was an Innovation they had no right to, on this their processions were stopt till the case was heard, the Right hand Cast resented it and made a Quarrell with the Left at Trevlicane some of the Riotters being taken up the Painters all went away to St. Thoma, also the Parriars, who are necessary servants, who after some days return'd, but the Painters did not till December. The Jentues in Cast Affairs are very zealous not regarding the Civil Government would not leave the case to the Braminys who are Newtrals and most esteem'd of. The Chittees fearing the cause would go against them were for leaving the town, and being stopt kept three days in the street refer to Consultation 24th December for what was don thereupon, hope all matters will be soon adjusted, fear must exert their Authority to do it.

31. November 1st a Mussoola of the Companys Petre was forced down by the Current to St. Thoma and seiz'd by the Avaldar Aga Mogheen, who refusing to deliver her, sent a body of men who brought her away by force, the Nabob seem'd very angry but hope future Insolvencys will be prevented.

32. Cannot at present advise further about Trade none stirring at this season.

FIFTHLY TOUCHING FORTIFICATIONS, BUILDINGS, REPAIRS, & REVENUES.

33. The farm for measuring Grain being expired, the Old farmer offer'd but 400 Pagodas a year saying he lost by it, have let it at the former rate of 820 Pagodas to others for five years.

34. The Inner Fort near finisht, the Rains hinder'd it and the making Bricks, are now ready to compleat it when the Weather gives leave, it will be plain, durable and commodious, the expence is great thô don with the utmost frugality, the Wood and Chinam very dear, will send the Account when all is don.

35. Refer to Consultation 22th November what was concluded about the St. Davids Buildings, Materials order'd to be got ready and to be set about on the Hanovers Plan, have secur'd some Timber and plank and order'd to buy up more at Negapatam, shall carry on Coddalore Wall and the house in the Fort together, Mr. Collet will go thither when the ships are dispatcht to survey and direct all and settle a Check for the expences and enquire into the particulars of the Companys 74th Paragraph about the Investments grievances and charges of the place of which will send full Accompts.

36. Vizagapatam Buildings in a very bad Condition. Consultation 22th November and their Letters received and sent will show their orders for repairing and rebuilding the Factory after the Madrass manner and for enlarging the Investments when have sufficient stock, the Facts in the Accomptants letter about Vizagapatam true about the charges on the Investments being so monstrous but they were occasion'd by Fuckerla Cauns seige and want of Cash to begin in the best season to invest, but now the place is well setled and Mr. Symonds understands the trade of all the adjacent countrey. Course Cloth now may be procur'd for ready money if no troubles thereabouts, want only sufficient stock to make Vizagapatam advantagious.

37. The strip'd Betellees complain'd of from Vizagapatam, don't now send any, the Brampore Chints sent by Mr. Faucets imprudent management mistaking the orders sent and taking them instead of Longcloth and sallampores contracted for, The President will bring a Plan of what designed to be don there.

SIXTHLY TOUCHING FACTORS, WRITERS, OFFICERS, SOLDIERS & THEIR ACCOMPTS.

38. Shall now answer the Companys 134th Paragraph touching Mr. Hastings, have found nothing in his behaviour at St. Davids to suspect him guilty of what his accuser maliciously charges him, doubt not but he will answer the Companys 70th Paragraph to satisfaction.

39. The charge against him was when he was first advanced above many of the Council, to be sure they would have been for displacing him had they thought he deserv'd it or dissented if the majority would not.

40. The Accusation of his letting out the farms was but hearsay and Narso's evidence was not sufficient to be credited against one so advanced, however, did not refuse the 200 Rupees extraordinary offer'd by Narso for the Villages thô he did it to serve a turn and would have gon off from his bargain. If Mr. Faucet was not summon'd to the Council he ought to have complain'd and would have had remedy at Madrass. If the originals of Mr. Hastings letters to Narso had been produced it had been well but look'd on the Copys as counterfeits. Mr. Russells confinement was pursuant to orders he was guilty of great crimes.

Mr. Faucet is credited for his full sallary but nothing for Dyet money because never suspended or forbid the Table hath had a free access to it and often complain'd of for his insolent behaviour there. Mr. Faucets accounts would have been adjusted if he had attended the Office but he knew there was but little due.

41. Have wrote so much to show they were not partial and to vindicate a good mans character able to serve the Company, Narso is reputed able to discharge the Ingerum debt having made the Investments at Vizagapatam for two years past if not Mr Hastings must, refer to Consultation 26th November for what he says thereupon.

42. The said Consultation shows what orders gave about Mr. Weld and Mr. Berriman they are both poor.

43. Consultations 1st October and 16th November show what Lieutenant Roach said when enquir'd what papers and effects he had of Mr. Raworths.

44. Have sent Translate No. 20 of the Cajans and papers receiv'd from Mr. Shipman, several Moor mens Letters among them directed for Bengall, can find nothing of Moment to give light into Mr. Raworths affairs his Dubash Dorsoos Letters shows what they were about.

45. John Parker and John Dobbins soldiers catch'd in a sodomitical attempt, will be sent home for want of power to punish them.

46. Lieutenant Orrill's sonne Edward entertain'd writer in the Secretarys Office as per Consultation 22th November, pray he may be continued being deserving.

47. John Turton continues to deserve well. List of Covenant Servants in the Packet, those marked with a * most deserving, have but few to complain of and hope they may mend excepting those too old.

SEVENTHLY TOUCHING ACCOMPTS.

48. General books sent with adjustment of the West Coast Ballance and full Answer to the Accomptants letter.

49. Report about the Dartmouths China books deliver'd into Consultation 16th November, with the Answer about Goods wanting and Account how all was adjusted. Supra Cargos receipts for their Commission sent.

50. Mr. William Martins Account Currant sent fully explain'd, will advise whenever receive more, his Obligation &c^{a}. Papers deliver'd by the President as per Consultation 3rd Instant to the Council.

51. Bills for 30,000 Pagodas drawn payable to Mrs. Benyon, Thomas Pit, and Edward Harrison Esqrs. this prevented their running further in Debt.

SUPPLEMENT.

52. Consultation 24th December shows a piece of Medley Cloth damaged in the middle of Bale that may discover who provided it.

53. Have new lett to farm the wine Lycence as per Consultation 27th December.

54. Factors Covenants for Messrs. Emmerson Smith and Wilford and security Bonds return'd fully executed.

55. Register of Dyamonds per Dartmouth sent being Pagodas 25,890 : 14: also Captain Blows private trade.

56. Dartmouths Invoice from Madrass Pagodas 1055 : 6 : 5. what laden from St. Davids will be sent from thence.

THE 7TH JANUARY 1716–17.

1. Bills for 3,000 Pagodas drawn payable to Mrs. Florentia Warre, Osmond Beauvoir Esq^{r}. and Mr. George Lewis.

2. Have paid 6,000 Pagodas more to the Fort St. Davids Merchants on account contract.

3. Have receiv'd Proposalls from Mr. Symonds for paying the Vizagapatam Merchants debt as per Consultation 3d Instant with it are the resolutions thereupon.

4. Are ready to dispatch the Prince Frederick when she arrives and hope for enô for the King William when she arrives.

5. The Merchants are to make good any damage in the 40 and 50 Covid Bettellees as per Consultation 3d Instant.

6. Register of Dyamonds by the King George sent value Pagodas 36025:33:19. and Captain Lewis's private trade goods her Invoice Pagodas 153064: 5: 7.

7. Refer to Consultation 7th Instant what don to reconcile the Quomitty and Chittee Casts, the other Casts prevail'd on not to meddle therein, hope by the next ship to advise all is agreed, the President will give account when he arrives.

Rich^{D} : Horden.	E. Harrison.
Tho : Cooke.	Joseph Collet.
John Legg.	Tho : Frederick.
Jos^{A} : Coake.	Wm : Jennings.
Rand : Fowke.	

Abstract of General Letter from Fort St. George to the Company, dated February 11, 1717. Received per King William the 22th March 1717, being duplicate of what sent per Prince Frederick. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts, Vol. 2, pp. 102–3. (India Office transcript).*]

1. Their last was of the 7th January by the Dartmouth and King George. President Harrison embark'd the 8th on the King George, sail'd the 9th and the 14th joyn'd the Dartmouth at St. Davids.

2. January the 28th the Frederick arriv'd from the Bay have fill'd her up with Tea and Bales as per Invoice.

3. Have a lading for the King William expected from the West Coast last month if she comes by the 10th March shall dispatch her then, but if not must keep her to the later end of August.

4. Mr. Catesby Oadham having bought some Bodilla for Silver which proves to be Copper was repaid his money, have sent it home to recover the Cheat of the Seller, it was invoiced on the Aurungzebe Anno 1710 as Silver at 6s. 5d. an ounce.

5. Sent 10,000 Pagodas to Vizagapatam the 4th instant to begin their Investments early the Vessell sent thither to bring up 300 bales and not yet arriv'd which surprizes them.

6. Eight Chests of Garnets shipt on the Frederick by Cojah Zurzaad Consign'd to the Company.

7. Desire a Commission to try the two West Coast Pyrates fear they have not power sufficient now, have taken fresh depositions to justify keeping them in irons as per Consultation of the 4th Instant, refer to Thomas Browne on the Frederick for a particular account of all.

8. For want of the Marlborôs stock not yet return'd from China have been forced to borrow considerable summes.

9. January 21th borrow'd 20,000 Pagodas of the Joynt Stock Merchants and 2,000 Pagodas of Mr. Henry Lapostre Paid the Joynt Stock Merchants 20,000 Pagodas for Cloth brought in and Suncah Ramah 5,000 Pagodas on the St. Davids Contract.

10. Are now to give account of the trouble occasion'd by the Contending Casts.

11. January the 6th the heads of the Chittee cast were with President Harrison and Mr. Collett who promis'd to agree all by the 10th and that they would none of them leave the place, yet Colloway and Callastry Chittee with some hundreds of them deserted the same evening to St. Thoma. Mr. Collett inviting them to return, they return'd a haughty answer that they would not return without a Cowl to have their differences determin'd by the Braminys and to be brought back by Persons of distinction to introduce them with Honour, On mature deliberation found cause not to grant their Request for the several reasons mention'd could better spare the Chittees than the Quomitys &c^{a}. and must not weaken the Authority of the English Government whereupon requir'd the Chittees to return by a day certain under penalty of forfeiting their Estates, on their Obstinacy seal'd up their Godowns, then remov'd their Effects into the English Town and paid into the Companys Cash the Amount of Pagodas 43,489 : 34 : 3 found in specie as per Consultations 14th 21th 22th 24th & 30th January and 6th and 7th Instant.

12. It being necessary to make a Contract for Cloth to be deliver'd in November, and Calloway and Callastry Chittees having refused to return from St. Thoma, only Sunca Ramah and Naira Ball Chittee remaining of the Joynt Stock Merchants have joyn'd with them Gongaram a Man of Estate and Character and intend one more now in the Countrey, doubt not to carry on the Investments as well as if had the Chittys, have about 100,000 Pagodas Effects of the Chittys which will make them return.

13. To prevent future disturbances between the Quomity and Chitty casts have setled certain Laws approv'd of by all the Casts as per Consultation of the 8th Instant of the Chittees which are withdrawn don't return will confiscate their Goods and houses.

14. Have made a Contract with the New Joynt Stock Merchants for 1,500 Bales to be deliver'd by the end of November at the former prices, the President will Contract for 2,000 Bales at St. Davids to be deliver'd in within the Year.

15. Eighth Instant past thrô Madrass road ship St. Francis Xavier from the Bay, she saluted the Fort but understanding Mr. Johnson was her Supra Cargo would not salute her again, all Boats hinder'd from going off to her she is now at St. Thoma.

16. Register of Captain Edward Martins Goods sent amounting to Pagodas 3,618.

17. The Manilla Ship Chindadry arriv'd the 9th Instant from Canton she brought a letter from the Marlborôs supra Cargos, its copy sent, shall be in great want of money which pray the Company will consider.

18. Warehousekeepers Report sent of some Midling Long cloth not answering which made abatement for.

19. The Chittees incline to return, hope the Laws lately made will preserve the Peace of the Place, the late President left the Revenues and all other Affairs in good order will follow his example.

20. Register of the Fredericks Dyamonds and Garnetts amounting to Pagodas 2,290 : 13 : 17. sent.

21. This hour Colloway Callastry and Nina Chittees appear'd and beg'd pardon for themselves &c^{a}. promissing to live peaceably hereafter, have deposited 40,000 Pagodas as a security for their behaviour, it is to ly a year at 8 per cent per annum Interest, they are to sign the Laws whereby they are to forfeit their estates if they desert or make disturbance hereafter.

JOSEPH COLLET.
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ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY, DATED MARCH 18, 1717. RECEIVED PER KING WILLIAM 22TH MARCH, 1717–18, BEING DUPLICATE OF WHAT SENT VIA ALEPPO. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts, Vol. 2, p. 104. (India Office transcript).*]

1. This sent overland because can't send by Sea till September.

2. January last the 5th the Chittee cast deserted their houses and went to St. Thoma having a Dispute with the Quomitys. 8th ditto sail'd the King George President Harrison on board, 14th she join'd the Dartmouth off St. Davids, 28th arriv'd the Frederick from Bengall, she was dispatcht the 12th February, 7th February contracted with the Merchants for 1,200 Bales exclusive of the Chittees to be deliver'd ⅔ by September, the rest in December at the same prices with the last, 11th February the Chittees return'd and submitted and had thereupon liberty to reside and trade giving 40,000 Pagodas security for their good behaviour. 12th February the President Mr. Jennings and Mr. Thomas Cooke went down to St. Davids there order'd the necessary fortifications and buildings at Codalore and the Fort, contracted for 1,800 Bales and settled all Affairs they hope to the Companys satisfaction. March the 6th the Frederick came back into St. Davids Road having been forced by a Storm to cut away her Main Mast, Mizen Mast, and foretop Mast, the 27th February 120 Leagues to the Eastward the Captain protested against the sea and on Advice went to Madrass to unlade and refitt, is now doing both. The President &c^{a}. return'd from St. Davids the 15th Instant. Captain Martin does not intend to sail till September, have not thought fitt to give him New orders, the King William not yet return'd from the West Coast but dayly expected shall soon dispatch her having Goods sufficient for two ships besides the Frederick. Expect the Marlborough will leave China this Month and come thrô the Streights of Sunda, want her Goods to put them in Cash being deeply in debt. Expect large Supplys by the Europe ships. Grantham sail'd from the Bay the 28th January.

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ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY, DATED AUGUST 17, 1717. RECEIVED PER KING WILLIAM THE 22TH MARCH, 1717–18. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts, Vol. 2, pp. 104–116. (India office transcript).*]

1. Do now send Duplicate of their Letter by the Frederick dated 11th February last and that of the 18th March following sent via Alleppo. Have since received the Companys General of the 25th January by the Bouverie who arriv'd 5th July which are now to answer under the usual heads.

FIRST CONCERNING SHIPPING SENT OUT AND RETURN'D.

2. Are glad of the safe arrival of so many ships, do take notice of the several ships sent out and the large Supply for the Bay.

3. Shall speedily dispatch the Bouverie for the Bay to be soon laid in on freight for Persia.

4. Have received the Proclamation forbidding his Majestys Subjects going to the East Indies or sailing in foreign ships thither which is necessary for preserving the trade thither, hope the Parliament will supply any defects in the Laws.

5. Will follow the secret orders to the President singly and to him and Councill, and will execute them in case any of the new Interlopers come thither.

6. Observe the Companys remarks on the Chief of Suratts answer to the Governor about the Victoria, will do what they can to prevent any such ships trading.

7. Will direct the captains of all ships to keep a good look out when near the Channel and not to stay in the Downes for fear of the Swedes and salley Men.

8. Have read the New setled Charterparty, will take notice of what therein relates to them.

9. Shall follow orders in Paragraph 13 about dispatch of Ships, have dispatcht the King William in August, which is as soon as can get about the Cape, those who sail'd in July having usually stopt at Don Mascarenhas or Mauritius to prevent the hazard of coming too early to the Cape.

10. Will send in January the List of all ships importing or exporting.

11. Will give proper Orders to prevent accidents in Shipping Treasure for the Bay.

12. The Portugeez make no Complaints of the English rescuing the Colloway Chittee in the Bay, hear the captain who took her is kept in irons at Goa.

13. March the 4th the George Brigantine Arriv'd from Bay with Stores and Goods, Grantham left the Bay the 28th January, 26th March return'd the Brigantine into the Bay not thinking her fitt for the West Coast as design'd her Coast being so dear but she being not proper to be used [for] the Bay, have order'd her up again in September with stores and shall send her to the West Coast.

14. March the 6th the Frederick return'd to St. Davids. 26th ditto Maddapollam Yatch arriv'd from St. Davids with a freight not being tight enô for Bales she was drove from her Anchors and stav'd to pieces ashore sometime after in a storm, wherefore order'd St. Davids to send up their Bales as freight offer'd.

15. Aprill the 6th sail'd the Jaggernaiculoo for Vizagapatam with stores and Goods Value Pagodas 1997: 10: 45 for that Factory, and 12 Bricklayers for their buildings, they wanted Terrace Workmen fear the Boat and all perish'd in the ensueing storm notwithstanding uncertain reports at Madrass and Vizagapatam, if she is in being will do all they can to recover the lading and people. 6th and 7th Aprill the storm drove near all the ships out of the Road, several much shatter'd thereby, others lost their Masts, and some were missing at night, some forced again into the Road, the Maddapollam Yatcht and Mr. Hordens ship drove ashore, the sloop Ramah founder'd in the Road, a Moors ship drove to St. Thoma and stranded. Several Country boats lost and people drown'd, 6 of the 7 ships in St. Thoma Road drove out of sight, 3 or 4 of them never heard of.

16. King William from the West Coast arriv'd 25th May from whence she came the 4th March, Captain Hunter came on board her Consultations 10th and 13th June give an account how his ship Catherine was lost in the Streights of Sunda.

17. May 28th arriv'd the Marlborough Captain Martin from China last from Batavia because too late for the Streights of Malacca.

18. June the 6th the Cardigan for Bengall touch'd at Madrass for the reasons in Consultation 10th June, she sail'd the 16th July, the 7th the St. George for Bengall touch'd also, the Captains reasons are in Consultation of the 8th.

19. 250 Bags of Petre laden on the King William above Charterparty proportion as per the Captains request sent.

20. Captain Winters obligation to demand but half freight for pepper sent.

21. July 21st on the Accomptants report of the Examination of the Marlbrôs Supra Cargo's books, order'd the payment of their Commissions with the produce of their shares in the Cargo, 8th Ditto they gave in a Remonstrance that their

Commission was to be without deducting charges which could not grant being contrary to the 9th Paragraph of the King Georges Letter, the disputes thereupon enter'd in Consultation 8th ultimo.

SECONDLY CONCERNING GOODS SENT AND TO BE SENT FROM EUROPE.

22. Having supply'd the Bay with velvets, desire a sortment as per Warehouse List to be sent in January.

23. The Grain and fine Colours of the Cloth received are commended.

24. Will examine all Goods speedily which appear in their Package to be dammaged, but must not open other Bales, will transact in Writing the disputes between them and the captains and send Copys.

25. The 29th Paragraph about Broadcloth shall be answer'd in January.

26. Will send proper attestations as directed of any Loss of weight in Lead, but believe the Warehousekeeper ought not to be suspected of fraud.

27. Consultation of 16th March will show that sold all their Lead to Sunca Rama at 7 Pagodas per Candy.

28. On reviewing their remains in Warehouses agreed 21st of March to put up to outcry what were damaged or in danger of being so, 20th of May sold all their Green Broad Cloth at 20 per cent on Invoice to raise money, for could not stretch their Credit further.

29. June the 6th sold Sunca Ramah the Marlboroughs Tutenague at 20 Pagodas per Candy, Quick Silver and Vermillion at 55, Sugar Candy at 16, and Sugar at 10 Pagodas per Candy, which thought to be better than if put up to Outcry.

30. July the 15th sold most of the Bouveries Broadcloth at 30 per cent adv^{a}. and 50 Chests of Silver at 15 dollar weight for 10 Pagodas, which paid off severall Interest Bonds to save that eating charge.

31. July the 29th agreed with Sunca Ramah to sell him what they could spare of the Bouveries Lead and Iron, and the Cambridges when arriv'd, at 7 Pagodas a Candy for Lead and 11 for Iron.

THIRDLY TOUCHING INVESTMENTS.

32. Will comply as exactly as possible with the List of Goods to be provided. No French ship arriv'd but expect one from St. Malloes speedily, will guard against Inconveniencys from them and never give up the Companys Interest.

33. Will conform to the directions and remarks on the Companys Goods from Paragraph 35 to 43.

34. Have warn'd the merchants of the Complaints that the fine Longcloth is tender and rotten in the middle, and hath holes, if again complain'd of shall make full satisfaction, the sorters can't open every piece at length, all promise their utmost care.

35. As to the Complaint of the Madrass Longcloth being raw, thin, poor thread, do take the best care they can, have refused considerable quantitys and have wrote to St. Davids to do the same, refer to Consultation of the 6th May and to their Letters to St. Davids to show their care.

36. The Vizagapatam Washers never were so good as those at Madrass.

37. The Bettellees are every year made worse, but can't see why those from Madrass should be worse than the St. Davids both provided and made by the same persons and at the same place.

38. Will examine the Chints more carefully in future.

39. Have bought sufficient quantitys of Pepper for the Ships this year at 22 Pagodas a Candy which could sell for profit but apprehend it the Companys

Interest to send it for England because do but pay half freight and by the Dutch being masters of Chittoa fear will be disappointed at Callicut.

40. Are under difficultys for want of Cash, forced to take up money at Interest to buy goods and supply subordinate Factorys from January to June when sold the Marlborôs cargo had no Supplys in which time were to clear off the old Investment to carry on the new ones and pay the Charges of Buildings at St. Davids and Vizagapatam and to answer the large Draughts of the West Coast, therefore Strain'd their Credit by Bonds besides 40,000 Pagodas detain'd by the disputes between the two Casts seiz'd to secure the left hands good behaviour. On coyning the Marlborôs Gold and sale of her Cargo paid off what Debts they could and since the Bouveries Arrival discharg'd the rest except the 40,000 Pagodas which will pay off when the Cambridge arrives believing the Chittees will not desert again.

FOURTHLY TOUCHING THE TRADE OF INDIA IN GENERAL & THEREIN ANY TRANSACTIONS WITH THE COUNTREY GOVERNMENT.

41. Trade in general is in good condition thô are some Exceptions. Have heard nothing lately of the Bencoolen Pyrate, John Rogers dy'd in Prison, Roger Bullimore remains to be try'd when have a Commission to try him.

42. Can now advice of the successe of the Embassy to the Great Mogul, he hath Confirm'd all the old Grants and Priviledges and added several New and valuable, Mr. Surman has receiv'd the Phirmaunds under the Great Seal with 25 Orders to the Nabobs, Subahs, and Governors to make them good in their Governments. Translate of the several Papers sent, that of the Phirmaund enter'd 21th July when received the Originals overland from the Bay, the 24th July proclaim'd the Phirmaund in Persians Gentue and English at several places in the most Pomp they could as per Dyary, the Inhabitants now satisfy'd their liberty is more secure by the Companys Establishment.

43. What relates immediately to them is the Restitution of Trivatore &c^{a}. 5 Villages and Grant of Divy Island, are at a loss how to behave in taking possession of it, its of importance to the Company must pay 7,000 Pagodas a year for it, are inform'd the present Renter makes 18,000 Pagodas, it is well scituated for trade by Sea and Land, the Inhabitants press the English to take possession, great numbers promise to settle there, hear the Dutch will quit all their Factorys thereabouts when the English are setled, hope to Command all the trade of that Countrey, the present Renter, a Rajah, says he will not give up the possession, has listed a great number of Peons for defence, have not force enô to dispute with him, by their Calculate they should have 2 ships of force, 2 or 3 Tenders with small Craft to go over the Bars 200 Souldiers, a Gunroom Crew Engineer, Artificers for Buildings, Materials and stores, and Persons to direct the whole, at present can't perform any part of this, don't expect can employ any of the Europe ships now sent out, want Recruits of souldiers more than can spare from Madrass and St. Davids the countrey Government being troublesom have been forced to hire more Souldiers, want Stores &c^{a}. for Fortifications and Buildings and Persons to direct therein yet are apprehensive of the danger of delays the People expect them and the Mogul will have his Rent, should he dy before possession may loose the Place, find it difficult what to determine, at present determine to make what preparations they can in the N. E. Monsoon and then if are secure from Insults and get shipping &c^{a}. ready will proceed, else must wait for strength from England.

44. The Countrey Government continues in disorder, the Prime Ministers press the Nabobs for Presents, they squeeze the under Governors and those the People, Sadatulla Caun like to loose his Government the Prime Vizier demanding of him rupees 1,700,000 and of Diaram the Renter, 300,000 Pagodas, 2 Rajahs to the southwestward of St. Davids subjects of the Mogulls were at wars the Nabob marching towards them, got from them about 6,00,000 Rupees Diaram in the

Interim was at Conjeveram 40 Miles from Madrass, raising the Rents all round the Countrey, on which many fled to the Companys bounds, this made Diaram complain the English protected the Inferiour Renters Debtors, his son at Pullamelly 12 Miles from Madrass demanded the Companys 3 Towns threatening to seize all, the Juncanneers grew saucy stopping the Companys people and Packets, this forced them to provide for their defence and entertain 100 Peons encreasing St. Davids garrison to 450 men in all and Madrass to 550 men, which have not yet compleated, the Topasses not like Europeans, but teach them dayly the use of their arms. Believe the notice of this prevented many Insults, in June the Nabob returned to Arcot accommodated matters with Dyaram, was confirm'd in his Government by the Grand Vizier, then he quarrels with the English for obstructing the Intercourse of Merchants with St. Thoma, which charge being wrong placed the President denyed it thô he had endeavour'd to draw the trade to Madrass, then Aga Mogheen by the Nabobs order demanded the 3 Villages &c^{a}. as per Countrey Letters, to which the President answer'd he could not understand his Letters and should say nothing to them, thus stood Affairs when the Phirmaunds arriv'd and the Husbulhookums, so soon as could prepare attested Copys thereof by the Codjee sent them with a Letter to the Nabob, have not yet his Answer, however, sent the News before to Arcott, the Nabobs 2 letters received since that News are in a different stile from the former, hope he will deliver up the 5 Villages according to their demand, have not yet made him the usual present not knowing but he might be laid aside, for must have made one to a new one, but now think it proper and Sunca Ramah is to manage it, hope to give him but 500 Pagodas and 150 to Ducknaroy, both in money, for if in Goods will expect more.

45. By the Frederick advis'd the Casts were return'd to Madrass, they have ever since continued quiet, but Chagrin'd refusing to trade or converse familiarly, the President thought it best to let the humour spend and treated them kindly, now they appear and trade as usual, the Peace of the Place now better establisht than ever.

46. The Britannia arriv'd from Siam the 21th March last brought a letter from the Barcalong the 2d man in the kingdom to Governor Harrison claiming the Amoy Junk and Cargo with the Account of all making 801 cattee, 18 tale, 1 pecul, 1 Myum, but he told Captain Powney privately, only the Junk was his, which he left to Governor Harrison to pay for in reason the Cargo was the Amoy Merchants.

47. May the 28th Monsieur Bongre sent to China return'd on the Marlbrô and gave the same Account with Captain Powney the Junk selling for Pagodas 1,200, gave the same the Captain to invest in what would best please the Barcalong as per Consultation 3d June. Mr. Bongre reported the Mandarines who protected the Merchants detaining the English Effects gave out at Court the Pyrates had taken the Junk, but the sufferers represented the English did it for reprizall because could not obtain justice of the Mandarines. The King appointed Commissioners to examine the whole and sentenc'd the Mandarines concerned to make good the Merchants losses and turn'd out of the 2 of the 3 concern'd that he (Bongre) had enter'd into a Treaty with Linqua and Anqua to Negotiate with the Mandarines now the Claimants that the English should account for the produce of the Cargo and be Credited for money detain'd, loss of time, and damages and pay the Ballance, the answer was not return'd when the Marlbrô came away, but Linqua would send the Account to Madrass, will comply with this Proposal, hope the Chineeses will now treat the English better.

FIFTHLY TOUCHING FORTIFICATIONS BUILDINGS REPAIRS AND REVENUES.

48. Thankfull for granting Jersey House for the Charity School, have fix'd to build one on the Island, will sell Jersey house and Ground and after deducting what paid the Church for their House pull'd down for the Hospital apply the

rest to the Charity School use, the foundation is now laying. Thankfull for liberty to cloth the Children with the Companys Green Perpetts, have determin'd to cloth them in blew, the Trustees have received the Books sent by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge.

49. The President at Fort St. Davids concerted with Mr. Grundler to erect a Charity school at Coddalore since erected, one Master there teaches Mallabar, the 2d Portugeez, have at Mr. Grundlers coming since to Madrass permitted him to erect a Portugeez school in the white Town, and Mallabar school in the Black, and Trustees are appointed as per Consultation 27th May.

50. Messrs. Stevenson and Long will send a Catalogue of the Library.

51. Have already advis'd their Resolutions about Vizagapatam with the reasons, have liberty to return the 2 villages which by their distance were unprofitable, the other 3 are confirm'd which shall strictly order to be improv'd, hope Vizagapatam will turn to better Account when Divy Island is in the Companys hands, will be usefull to supply Divy when can't send from Madrass.

52. List of the Revenues is kept on the Council table as ordèr'd, also enter'd in Consultation the 5th Instant, have a book containing Abstract of standing Orders as per direction, are now compleating it for the present year. Every Person hath also the orders relating to their respective employs in Council so now no Excuse for Omissions.

53. Have and will observe the orders Paragraph 82 about foreign Ecclesiasticks. Padre Cordeiro hath sold Paulo de Saas house as order'd and Lieutenant Roach has bought it, another house in the White Town belong'd to the Congregation de Propaganda fide nobody would own they could sell it thô a Priest at St. Thoma received the Rent whereupon sold it to an English Inhabitant on a Valuation justly put the money paid into Cash shall be paid to any having sufficient power to demand it, have notify'd to all the Religious that none but the Capuchins shall inhabit or sojourn in Madrass, this will contribute to the Places Peace, the Romish Clergy always turbulent among themselves and encroaching on the Laity, the Italians design'd to establish a Seminary at Madrass, beleive the Capuchins will be faithfull, they behave well.

54. The Buildings carry'd on as fast as they can, the inner fort near compleated, will be perfected before the next dry season, distinct Accounts kept of each Building.

55. Have rais'd a new Revenue of 500 Pagodas a year without hardship to the poor by granting a Cowle to Lewis Mellicque the Arrack Farmer to sell Toddy, he is to pay the same price to the Planters and sell at the same as formerly, without adulterating the liquor as was don formerly, will lay hold of all Opportunitys to improve the Revenues when dont Oppress the People.

56. In Answer to Paragraph 77 They found the Arrack Farmers had not stock to carry on their business and therefore were behind in Monthly Payments, were necessitated to take away their Cowle and seiz what they had to satisfy some of their debt. Lewis Mellicque who has the New Cowle is rich, industrious, and will improve the Revenue, the Wine Licence granted him for the same term as per Consultation 4th February.

57. Will answer what wrote relating to the Town Conicoply Duty by the Marlborough.

58. The 18th March advis'd the President &c^{a}. were return'd from St. Davids shall now give Account of Affairs there.

59. The Buildings at the Fort and Codalore were first survey'd Mr. Way &c^{a}. assisting therein, the south wall at Cuddalore found to be much too low and no Ditch or Defence without it, necessary to raise it with a Bastion at the south west end of the town, the Chellembrum Gate too close to the Bastion order'd to be remov'd to the midle of the Curtain, Midle Bastion on the West Curtain to be enlarg'd, the Bramine Gate to be in the Midle of the Curtain at the N. West end

of the town must erect a new Bastion, and a new wall from thence to the River side to secure the N. side of the town, a new Bastion at each angle and 2 Demi Bastions at proper distances on the Curtain the Town being about a Mile long on the side of the river in many places but 3 foot deep 2 Ravelins to be made where best to command the whole, these works sufficient to defend the Town against any Countrey enemy, if had more must encrease the Military. Mr. Farmers house bought at Pagodas 1600 for the new Factory will serve at present, shall compleat the fortifications before begin building a new factory shall not then pull down the house, refer to the Plan and Explanation sent to show the Condition of Cuddalore and New Works intended.

60. The next survey was the Fort, found the Fortifications in good condition, except the N. E. bastion which not having been compleated was order'd, the old Moratta Wall near the Outside of the face of that Bastion order'd to be demolisht, all the buildings in the Fort gon to ruin except the New Godowns which are well placed and built, New house for the Deputy Governor and other necessary buildings order'd to be don as per Plan sent with Explanation.

61. The Bounds were two days surveying the Points good but a small Mine was order'd under each to blow them up if the Enemy forced the English out of them to prevent their making use of the Great Guns. Palmeira Hedge in most parts in good condition, where any trees are wanting have order'd planting new ones. The President &c^{a}. then made a Contract with the Merchants for 1800 Bales, 1200 to be deliver'd by the end of September, the rest by the last of December as per St. Davids Consultations sent. Then invited all Persons to complain of grievances, and made several new Laws for the Peoples better Government and ease as per said Consultations, the laws published in Gentue, persons culpable were reprov'd and admonisht the People fully informed how to get redress. The Scavengers Duty at Tevenapatam given up because opprest the People and never yielded above 40 to 50 Pagodas a year some times nothing, the Inhabitants undertaking to clean their streets. Finding the sea Customs and Mint Revenues were sunk, enquiring the reasons it appear'd the Merchants were gon to Porto Novo because the Customs were easyer, paying but $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent on Importation nothing on Exportation, on the same Condition would return to Cuddalore and bring great part of the Porto Novo trade thither, they complain'd of paying at Cuddalore Custom on Goods imported thô again exported and insisted to be eased therein, could not comply till had the Companys directions, propose to give some ease in the Customs at Cuddalore for 7 or 10 years, which would encourage rich traders to reside there, and restore the Town to its ancient Lustre, if not have little hopes to improve it. This being now something like the raising a New Settlement must be indulg'd and cherisht till the People are setled easy and Rich, have only adventur'd to order Goods occasionally landed but design'd to be exported to be Custom free on Exportation till have the Companys orders, propose to the Company to allow 3 or 4 per cent Drawback on Goods have paid 5 per cent in.

62. The Mint fell with the decay of trade the only Man who supported it failing, but this is no great matter since Madrass Mints reputation is the best of all in the Moguls Dominions.

63. Refer to Consultations about the Rent of the Bounds &c^{a}. Revenues, the Rent is to its utmost value, the Palmeira trees if let out for Toddy would yield considerably, but not like what Mr. Benyon represented, but then they would no longer be a fence but growing to their full height to yield Toddy would grow thin and smooth below and people might pass between them, but if as now they are cut at a certain height their Branches shoot out full branches below and make an impenetrable Hedge. Have order'd some which cover the Points by their heighth to be cut that the Guns may command the Plain thereabouts.

64. The Expences having been put on a new foot by the late President little remain'd to be don, what could has been as per Consultations.

65. Mr. Way sent thither since to see and view what progress made and give further directions in the Buildings, stay'd a Month and return'd in July, the Work in good forwardness, have new let the Bounds with the Beetle and Tobacco farm for 5 years at the former rent to New Men, but new difficultys are started so the whole is in suspence.

66. The Treaty with the Patans at St. Thoma begun by the President and carry'd on by Mr. Frederick in his absence came to nothing though some Concessions granted if would return to Madrass.

67. In Answer to paragraph 74 the sea Customs were clear'd to January last and Mr. Horden paid the Balance into Cash as per Consultation.

SIXTHLY TOUCHING FACTORS, WRITERS, OFFICERS, & SOLDIERS, & THEIR ACCOMPTS.

68. The Bouveries Writers arriv'd well, will appoint their stations when the Cambridges come.

69. Shall in January send List of Free Merchants Births, &c^{a}. as directed.

70. The List of the Bouveries Packet shows did send a List of souldiers among the Books No. 13, the secretary has abstract of the orders relating to him as directed.

71. Will carefully prevent further charge in the Military than necessary for their defence, without that the Government would soon make them weary of the place, have been forced to enlarge the Garrisons at Fort St. George and St. Davids, have turn'd the Boys and old Men Listed at under Pay out of the Companys and fill them up with able body'd Men.

72. Mr. Thomas Holmes surgeon of the Catherine sent down to St. Davids before the Bouverie arriv'd.

73. Barnard Laidmans effects will not pay his Debts.

74. Will observe orders for obliging Free Merchants to stay 5 years in India.

75. John Richardson, Writer, dismist for Forgery in Counterfeiting two Notes for Money Pawn'd as a security for Money Borrow'd as per Consultation 4th Aprill, he comes home on the King William, Mr. Thomas Woodward of Councill at St. Davids dismist for not paying in the Ballance of his Paymasters Accompts. John Barrow, Writer, dismist for being an incorrigible sot.

76. Thomas Wilford Factor at Vizagapatam suspended for a criminal Correspondence with Sargeant Skinners Wife.

77. John Perry who had been 3 years Register at the Sea Gate dismist that station because none would trust him, Thomas Jenkinson, Writer, succeeds, will retrieve the reputation of that office.

78. John Emmerson is to return from Vizagapatam as he was promis'd, Richard Smith now 3d there is to succeed 2d, and Cornelius Moll to be sent down 3d.

79. Fort St. Davids Council settled in Consultation 8th July.

80. Seven persons to preside as heads alternately at the General table to prevent disorders there as per Consultation 6th of May.

81. A Black fellow catcht in the Bazar putting off Counterfeit fanams, set him in the Pillory, cutt off his ears, and whipt out of the bounds, the Goldsmiths cast, of which he was, petition'd he should rather be hang'd.

82. John Blunt Writers Covenants are in the Packet executed No. 10.

83. Want 200 souldiers to supply Dieu Island and all their Garisons if should be able to take possession of Dieu Island in Aprill or May must send 200 Men,

of which more than half should be Europeans, want 1,000 good and new muskets with Bayonets, the only proper arms for that Countrey, pray may have no old arms new fitted up, want Granadier powches in proportion.

SEVENTHLY TOUCHING ACCOMPTS.

84. Shall in January write on this head when send their General Books with other books and papers, could not send them now because the subordinate Factorys were not received early enough.

EIGHTHLY TOUCHING THE WEST COAST.

85. King William with Mr. Farmer Deputy Governor sail'd thither the 16th September, she did not return till the 25th May thô expected in January. Account of the new Deputy Governors mannagement is very disagreable, hope to receive advices Affairs have taken a better turn, or else must recall him, thô shall be unwilling without great necessity.

SUPPLEMENT.

86. The Bouverie sent the 6th Instant to Fort St. Davids to bring up Bales, same day arriv'd the Cambridge with the Companys letter 6th February enclosing one to Bencoolen, shall observe the Companys orders therein when send the George Brigantine thither.

87. Mr. Nathaniel Ross, who came from the West Coast on the King William, hath laid down the Companys service.

88. 29th ultimo Captain Martin of the Frederick gave in an account of Sale of his dammaged Goods sold at Outcry amounting to Pagodas 2085 : 4 : 64. which he paid into Cash, the Account enter'd in Consultation, he desiring 100 Bales more, have order'd the ship to be fill'd up, have supply'd him with 200 Bags Petre for those washt away.

89. The Pepper surplus to what the ships will require order'd to be dispos'd of at Pagodas 22½ per Candy the Marlbrôs China root sold at 5 Pagodas a pecull.

90. Daniel Hains and Thomas Colson souldiers sent to St. Helena for their crimes.

91. Ship Countess Pontchartrain arriv'd Pondicherry the 8th Instant from St. Maloes bound to Mocha.

92. Mr. John Sandersons Factors Covenants sent executed.

93. The King William recommended to be sent back to be employ'd in setling Divy Island, he proposes to return to Madrass in August 1718, desire by her 30 supernumerary Men to serve on shore or aboard to stay 2 years in the Countrey because can't setle Divy Island in less time, she will be very usefull being a prime sailor, in May last came from Acheen head in 19 days against the Monsoon.

94. Letters from Bengall advise the Hannover Arriv'd there the 16th June and brought Copy of the Companys Letter to them, with Orders about the Interlopers and Letter from Mr. Surman dated 19th May that had don all their business but the formalitys of Dispatch from Court.

95. List of Stores enclos'd which desire to receive by the first ship, desire Wine from the Madeira. Shyras Vintage fail'd for two years, Europe Liquors will enlarge the Stewards expences.

96. Bill of Exchange for 4,000 Pagodas drawn payable to the Reverend Mr. Lewis and Mr. Styleman.

97. Joshua Draper recommended for his diligence.

98. The Dyamonds per King William Register sent is Pagodas 1197: The Captains Private trade Goods Pagodas 1905: her Invoice Pagodas 85311: 26: 2.

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P.S.

This day paid off the Chittees Bond of Pagodas 40,000 with Interest.

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY, DATED SEPTEMBER 27, 1717. RECEIVED PER MARLBOROUGH THE 13TH JUNE 1718. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts, Vol. 2, pp. 117–122.* (*India Office Transcript*).]

1. Their last was of the 17th August per King William, wherein answer'd most part of the Companys Letter per Bouverie & Cambridge, are now to answer the remainder.

2. 20th ultimo King William sail'd for England, 24th the Bouverie arriv'd from St. Davids with Bales for the Marlbrô 530, the 30th she sail'd for Bengall and to touch at Vizagapatam carrying Cornelius Moll 3d of Councill, & Charles Simpson, Writer, and Mr. West, surgeon. 1st Instant the French ship St. Morris from Persia arriv'd bound for Bengall and sail'd the 3d., the 2d. the Rahim belonging to the King of Atcheen arriv'd of which shall write more, the George Brigantine from Bengall arriv'd the 8th with stores and Goods and a General Letter of the 15th August, the same day the Cambridge sail'd for Bengall.

3. The Bouverie is laid in at Bengall for a Persia voyage.

4. Anno 1713–14 the Messia of Madrass sail'd from Atcheen where she had traded for Junk Ceyloan but being forced back by bad weather the King seiz'd her and Cargo and Men for reprizal, pretending he had sent a servant to Madrass with money to Invest but he spent it and because he had been sued in the Court and cast for a just debt of Pagodas 1,500, the Atcheeners plunder'd the ship and took out 6,000 Pagodas in Gold then dismist her, this put a stop to the trade to Atcheen till last year encourag'd by the Kings Noquedah at Porto Novo they adventur'd again, sending the Francis from St. Davids and on her a good present to the King, and Governor Harrison wrote him to establish a good Correspondence, the Francis in her return fell to the Norward and with her the King of Atcheens ship bound to Porto Novo and one of Abdul Nabbee Cauns, when heard the King had treated all English ships badly would not accept the present thô his People shar'd it and made no returns nor answer'd the Letter.

5. Finding it necessary to protect the English Traders and make Reprizalls, were inform'd the Noquedah was coming Overland from Corangee for Porto Novo with the Kings Treasure, thereupon they Seiz'd it near the Companys bounds, but afterwards finding it to belong to the Nabob Abdull Nabbee Caun dismist him and the Treasure, but the Noquedah of the Rahim coming ashore the 2d instant secur'd him and examin'd him before the Council, he own'd the ship was the King of Atcheens, and the Benjamin and Goods value Pagodas 5,000, That the Gold was sent Overland from Corangee to Porto Novo to invest, 4 or 5 Moors and Arab Merchants had Gold and some goods which they did not seiz, the ship and what belong'd to the King they seiz'd as a Reprizall for the Messiahs Treasure and for the Injurys don the English, the ship and Cargo sold for Pagodas 4518: 33: 64,

which shall be paid into the Companys Cash till can adjust the sufferers claims, and will then divide it to them, refer to Consultations 3d, 5th, and 9th instant, hope the Company will approve this conduct since the Company dont suffer thereby nor are at charge, the King of Atcheen has not power to attempt any of the Companys ships, and if he doth the Private Trade, they can destroy all his shipping at their own Expence.

6. Have by the King William advis'd the receipt of the Moguls Phirmaund and that had wrote to the Nabob to demand the 5 villages, the 30th ultimo he return'd answer only by way of Complement but told Sunca Ramah and the spy Brauminee he could not deliver them till had seen the Original Phirmaund, they were order'd to answer him it was granted in the Phirmaund to show only the Copy attested and at the same time thought it convenient to make him the usual present on a new Governors succeeding, which had delay'd because apprehended he would be remov'd as per Consultation 2d instant, sent a Letter to him to thank him for the Assurance of his Friendship and that would take possession of the Villages the 23th, he hath sent no answer thereto.

7. Having frequent Addresses from the People of Dieu and their Neighbours to come thither promising great Numbers will resort thither and that there is no force to oppose them and the Nabob of Gulcondah, near at hand to be treated with, and delays would discourage the People, and Aporrow the present Renter would strengthen himself who now was very weak had but 3 Guns in his Fort and 150 Peons, the Rivers were very deep, the Bar at the southermost call'd Kistna had at lowest tides five foot water, at highest ten, and Divy River the Northermost bar had 7 foot at lowest tides and 12 at highest, the Rivers above had for several Leagues depth enô for any ship, therefore determin'd to proceed, whereupon bought the Atcheen ship, a Brigantine, a new built sloop, and a long boat which is building on for a sloop. Mr. Horden understanding the Customs and Language and a man of integrity and spirit appointed to command in chief and to be Deputy Governor of the Island, have promis'd to support him, Messrs. Holcomb, Harris, and Sanderson to be his Council, Richard Gilman and Charles Davers, Writers, the Atcheen ship now the Metchlepatam to be sent to Metchlepatam with Mr. Harris, Mr. Sanderson, an Ensign, 20 souldiers, and necessary Stores, Mr. Horden to go Overland 6 Weeks hence, have a fair prospect of success when have possession are to throw up a Mud fort for defence and build just what necessary, till have the Companys orders.

8. Have examin'd the Town Conicoply Duty Affair to the Union of the two Companys, the full state is in the Accompt Current enclosed. Out of the remainder of that Cash have clear'd the Charges of the Bridge and paid 3,738 Pagodas towards the new Hospital, which clears the Accompt to this time, as more money comes in shall be brought to the Hospitall Accompt till its clear'd, then will pay what more to the Corporation for Publick Buildings as the Council shall approve.

9. Messrs. Thomas Cooke and Randall Fowke believing themselves intended in Paragraph 65 per Bouverie are greatly concern'd, and to justify their Integrity say, the Duty was not collected by them but by the Sea Gate Conicoply from the Black Merchants exclusive of the Companys Customs, who always pretending Arrears never paid in less than 12 months after it was due. Mr. Cooke on Receipt of what had been collected in his years of 1711 and 1712, which was not in full till September 1714, acquainted President Harrison and the Mayor therewith and that he was ready to pay it into Cash or Court as should be order'd, But President Harrison finding the said Duty had been embezled for many years before to the Loss of the Company and Corporation, resolv'd to enquire what was deficient, which was compleated 18th July following as per Consultation Entry and President Harrison declar'd Mr. Cooke gave him the first insight, Mr. Fowkes Payment was the year after and the Conicoply Receiver was slow therein, the Council have commended them for their honest discharging their trust.

10. Fort St. Davids bounds let out at 6,000 Chuckrums which is more than could be expected.

11. Mr. Josia Cooke desiring to return to England allow'd to lay down the service the 5th instant on which Nathaniel Turner was admitted into Council and John Emmerson now at Vizagapatam order'd to succeed secretary and to come up, Joshua Draper acts as provisional Secretary.

12. John Perry, Junior Merchant, dismist for being Insolvent as per Consultation 26th August, and Charles Davers, Writer, for challenging the 2d &c^{a}. as per Consultation 16th instant.

13. August 26th paid off the Chittees Bond and Interest.

14. Ow'd 100,000 Pagodas when the last ships arriv'd, now owe but 3,000, have not stock to pay for the Goods as they come in besides what shall want for the January Contract and for setling Dieu Island, therefore gave Bills for what could get at 9s. a Pagoda and have drawn as follows: Pagodas 5,000 to the order of Nathaniel Elwick 1,500 : 28 : to Mrs. Benyon and Messrs. Pitt and Harrison 4,500, to the order of Sen. D' St. Jago Ximenes 1,333- to the order Don Juan Francisco de Orsua 2,231 : 13.- to John Freeman Esq^{r}. or order 5,000, to Mrs. Warre, Messrs. Lewes and Beavoir 444: 16:- to Messrs. Lewes London and Wendey 1,500- to Thomas Bulkley or Order.

15. Shall in a few days send the George Brigantine to the West Coast to get an Account of their Condition hearing nothing of them since the King William. Mr. Farmer has sunk great part of the Revenues contrary to the Caution in the Letter by the King William he has paid Europe Commanders from Iron, dollars 105 : 2 : 40. per ton, laying out dollars 2048 : when had enô for seven years the Mallays bully'd him out of the Revenues, can't conceive why he bought the Iron, must not attempt to remove him till know who is alive there, hear Mr. Shyllinge was sickly, if he should be dead none there fitt to be head, thô several honest and diligent, therefore must send one from Madrass.

16. Marlbrôs Invoice Pagodas 168,699: 11 : 65. have sent the Prince Fredericks Additional Invoice of what laden on her, have given the captain no orders to vacate his former dispatch thô at his desire assisted him all they could.

17. Come now to give account of taking possession of Trivadore &c^{a}. villages granted by the Moguls Phirmaund no answer being come from the Nabob the 23th and 24th Instant thô it was evident he had news from Court and would not openly oppose Manoer Doss Governor of Pullimully 15 Miles and Peersada a Fuckier who liv'd there and among the villages they possess were 4 of the 5 threatend to defend them by horse and foot, whereupon the English gave out they would repell force with force, 100 of the Garrison with 30 Peons order'd the 22th in the morning to take Post in Trivadore the Principal Town which has 264 familys, and 7 Miles off to the Norward a party of 50 more to go to Tondore in the midway to Trivadore and to support the first party if necessary, the Governor of Pullamully sent 25 horse and 70 foot to Trivadore but the English being there they retir'd. The 23th the President attended by most of the Gentlemen on Madrass went to Trivadore, caused a Gentue Translate of the Phirmaund to be read publickly and according to the Countrey form of taking possession ty'd strings with leaves cross the street and hoisted the Union Flag, the cutting those strings is esteemed Declaring War, the Inhabitants presented fruits and declared had long wisht to be under the English Government, which God had granted and they should be happy.

18. Joshua Draper sent to Satan Godu one of the Villages a Mile and a half distant from Trivadore to the Westward the Phirmaund there read in Mallabar tongue, strings of leaves ty'd cross the streets and St. Georges flag hoisted, a sargeant and Peons sent to Catawacha, a small village 6 Miles Norward of Trivadore, the same Ceremonys used there, return'd to Fort St. George in the evening the town of Trivadore and 2 villages taken possession of were under Manoer Doss the Pullimully Governour, the party at Tondore order'd to march to

Egmore to joyn the Garrison, the 24th took possession of Disallawarrow belonging to Peersada and 3 miles to the Norward of Egmore and 2 miles West of Tondore, thô Peersada threaten'd yet he did not disturb them, and in the evening took possession of Lingumbauca the 5th Village 2 mile to the southward of Egmore without Guards.

19. Will in January send a Draught of their new bounds which are peacably possest of, don't believe shall be disturb'd, the little ones dare not, the great Governors will not venture the Phirmaund being the highest Authority and perpetuall.

20. Nabob professes kindness but has neither receiv'd nor return'd the present, says will send a horse and serpaw to the President.

21. Hope this will influence at Dieu Island Aporrow the Renter and that he will think it in vain to resist and that shall be possest of all the Grants to this Presidency speedily without difficulty or Expence.

22. Charles Davers on his Petition allow'd to remain in India till hear from the Company.

23. Have advice that on the 1st Instant a large Dutch Ship anchoring in Metchlepatam Road from Pulicat, her Officers report that being at Anchor a little to theWestward of Dieu point in 15 fathom water they could not start the Anchor supposing it had hold of some wreck, they attempted again till the ship could not bear the strain, whereupon cut the Cable and left a Buoy fasten'd to it, the Fishermen affirm they saw the Noris blow up in that depth of water a little to the Westward off the Point, shall employ divers and hope to send an account in January whether proper to send Engines from England.

24. A Chest of Cornelian beads sent on the Marlborough on Permission by Coja Zouraad, Value 100 Pagodas.

25. Duplicate of this sent on the Prince Frederick.

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Her additional Invoice Pagodas 18,496 : 4 : 7.

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY, DATED SEPTEMBER 28, 1717. RECEIVED PER MARLBOROUGH THE 13TH JUNE 1718. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts, Vol. 2, p. 122. (India Office transcript.)*]

1. Have just now advice Overland that the ship Maddapollam having 100 Bales laden on her at Vizagapatam was drove on shore the 29th August, her Invoice Pagodas 4855 : 3 : 2. will endeavour to save what they can, have got up 5 Bales in 7 fathom water and hope to retrieve more.

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ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY, DATED JANUARY 13, 1718. RECEIVED PER HANOVER THE 21TH JULY 1718. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts, Vol. 2, pp. 136–141.* (*India Office transcript.*)]

1. Their last was by the Marlborough and Frederick dated the 27th September with a short letter of the 28th advising of the Loss of 100 Bales at Vizagapatam.

FIRST CONCERNING SHIPPING SENT OUT AND RETURN'D.

2. The Marlbrô and Frederick forced to anchor off Trincombar the 5th October, sail'd the 6th with a favourable wind.

3. September 29th the Madrass Brigantine sail'd with Wares and Stores for St. Davids and on her Cha: Dobyns, Writer, not water enô in Codolore or Porto Novo River for her to go in and stay during the Monsoons, not safe for her to have stay'd at Porto Novo the Government being bad, wherefore after she was unladen she rode out the Monsoon at Madrass in 12 fathom water.

4. George Brigantine sail'd for the West Coast 4th October with stores &c^{a}. to bring account how affairs were there, having heard nothing since the King William came thence.

5. October the 12th the Madrass Brigantine return'd from St. Davids.

6. Ship Metchlepatam sent to Metchlepatam the 19th September for the service of Due Island, return'd back the 27th October, could not reach Vizagapatam thô order'd thither to ly out the Monsoon in that River.

7. December 18th the Madrass Brigantine sent to St. Davids with Wares and Stores and 20,000 Pagodas.

8. December 19th arriv'd the Hanover from Bengall with Letters of the 3d D^{o}.

9. December 27th arriv'd the Frances from Vizagapatam with 100 Bales of Callicoes.

10. List of ships importing and exporting anno 1717 now sent.

11. October 28th the Morice Captain Peacock was at Anjengo, and Captain Dawes of the Duke of York the 28th November.

12. The Hanover brought from Bengall 500 Bales is sending to St. Davids to fill up, shall have enô to fill up the Cambridge, fear she will arrive late as per Consultation 30th December.

13. Have not been able to attempt the discovery of the Wreck off Dieu Island as yet, but shall when have possession of the Island.

SECONDLY CONCERNING GOODS SENT AND TO BE SENT FROM EUROPE.

14. List of Goods wanting sent, have increas'd in the Article of Broadcloth, pray may have only what wrote for and no more fine Cloth nor any embost, course Cloth only in demand hope shall advance its price.

15. Twenty seven Chests Silver sold at 15 dollars weight for 10 Pagodas the 12th December, have clear'd off Bonds for Pagodas 45,000.

THIRDLY TOUCHING INVESTMENTS.

16. Notwithstanding their troubles Cloth has been brought in diligently at Fort St. George and St. Davids, the Merchants sent it round to St. Davids when fear'd interruption if brought directly to Madrass, are daily bringing more in thô have comply'd with their Contracts, wanting Stock forced to pay in Bonds shall make a new Contract, at the time are much afraid of a famine for want of rain, Rice that last year was at 36 mercal a Pagoda is now from 10 to 12, have obliged the Merchants to supply the Poor and rais'd the price gradually as it advanced in the Countrey, the Stock in Town near expended, have wrote to all parts to get supplys but hitherto received none, have wrote to Bengall the dearth prevails all

over the Coast, should have wanted for the Garrison had they not got 25 Garse out of a French ship from the Bay to the Maldives at 80 Pagodas a Garse, hope to receive a quantity from the Bay.

17. November 18th bought of the Merchants on a Muster 400 Pieces fine sallampores at Pag^{s}. 95 per Corge, 300 to be painted and 100 sent white for a tryall, will send part by the Cambridge.

FOURTHLY TOUCHING THE TRADE OF INDIA IN GENERAL AND THEREIN ANY TRANSACTIONS WITH THE COUNTRY GOVERNMENT.

18. Shall now add to what wrote by the King William and Marlborough.

19. October 18th Diarams son with 300 horse and 1000 foot enter'd Trivitore and cut down the English flag staff, same day sent to demand 1000 Pagodas on which he would leave the English the quiet possession of the 5 Towns. Resolv'd the 19th in Council to repel force with force.

20. Lieutenant Roach with 150 men marcht to Trivitore entring by break of day and after the continuance of the engagement till noon Diarams forces were beat out, 30 Men as many horses and Cammells being kill'd and wounded, the English lost none, refer to Consultation 21th October.

21. Lieutenant Fullerton with 100 Men and supplys sent to support Lieutenant Roach, they faced the Enemy who had drawn off from Trivitore, the same night they return'd the City Militia kept Guard in the meantime under Captain Horden.

22. The Enemy marcht off in the night carrying away Diarams son wounded, is since dead.

23. Diaram threaten'd revenge and apply'd to the Nabob for forces to go against Madrass, but to no purpose, the whole Countrey complain'd of him and rejoyc'd at his disgrace, have complain'd to Sied Hussanally Caun of Diarams attempt and advis'd to Bengall to represent it to the Court.

24. Nabob Sadatulla Caun had been endeavouring to get out Diaram from being Collector of the Revenues, is since turn'd out and under the Nabob's Guard, Ducknaroys sonne succeeds him, Nabob assures the President of his friendship but has not receiv'd the present of 1000 Pag^{s}. sent him by Sunca Ramah.

25. Have advice from Oringabad that the President's Letter to Sied Hussanally Caun is deliver'd by the Messenger, but the Duan would have 100 Gold Mohurs to present it, the President permitted to expend only 2 or 300 rupees, but having since by the Hanover receiv'd the Originall Phirmaund, Husbulhookums, &c^{a}. with Letters from the Grand Vizier to his Brother Sied Hussanally and Mauberize Caun Subah of Gulcondah about the Grants in General and Dieu Island, have sent them and order'd the Duan 100 Gold Mohurs present to deliver all, can do no business without such presents. Hear their conduct towards Diaram is approv'd of at Oringabad Court, and his attacking the English so unjustly is one reason of his disgrace. All at peace round about with them, believe they will not be insulted again.

26. Have taken advantage of this dispute to put a Garrison and Mount Guns at Egmore which will secure and command that &c^{a}. towns and plain and to raise 5 Outworks like Choultrys with a line of Communication on the North side of the town which was before for a Mile and a half defenceless, each Choultry can hold 40 or 50 Men and hath 4 Guns, they cover the washing town from insults, compute the charge at 3,000 Pag^{s}. which they will raise of the Inhabitants, the Government would not have permitted this in time of peace.

27. Lieutenant Roaches conduct deserving a reward to encourage the Military, thô the Company did not think fitt to give him a higher title for his services at St. Davids have now given him a Majors Commission at 20 Pag^{s}. a Month, pay he had before but 14, and a Jewell of 300 Pagodas value, to each of the Ensigns in that

action 50 Pag^{s}., and to each sargeant 10 Pag^{s}., and smart money to the few wounded. Hope will be no more occasion for such expence.

28. This dispute hinder'd taking the Draught of the new bounds, will send it the first opportunity.

29. Paragraph 7 per Marlborough gave some account of the Proceedings to get possession of Dieu Island, 19th September sent to 20 souldiers and an Ensign to Metchlepatam, 2d October sent a Sargeant and 19 Men on the Francis, Ralph Clarke, Sargeant, made Ensign on their Arrival. Mauberize Caun by Letter desir'd the President to send no more till he had receiv'd orders from Court to deliver Dieu Island, which he had wrote for, the meaning was he expected a present to give peaceable admission, agreed 4th November to give 5,000 Pagodas to him and his favourites for it. Auga Pera employ'd to Negotiate this Affair, have advis'd him a Gusbardar was coming from Court by way of Bengall to deliver it and to bring a seerpaw from the Mogul for the President.

30. If can't by this Method get a peaceable possession shall wait the Companys orders how to proceed, are of opinion to give double the Present for peaceable possession than force it, and yet ought to use force if can't get it otherwise, fear nobody but the Nabob, Upperow the Renter being too weak, refer to Countrey Letters for Particulars.

Fifthly touching Fortifications, Buildings, Repairs, and Revenues.

31. Refer to Mr. Stevenson about the Catalogue of the Library.

32. Hope the Inner Fort buildings will be compleated this year.

33. November 11th made a general survey of the Companys Godowns as per Consultation the Colledge late made an Armoury of order'd to be join'd to the Godowns with 3 adjoyning Houses which must purchase. *Copy of the Plan* deliver'd in 3d December by Mr. Way sent will cost Pag^{s}. 2,580 with the purchase, when this is finisht the Warehousekeeper will have all his business under his eye compact.

34. Have finisht one of the Choultrys, 2 more near don, the remainder begun for defending the North side of the Town.

35. Have recover'd all due of the old Arrack farmers but Pag^{s}. 1,782 : 4 : 70, for which have given bond to pay when able.

36. The Alteration and Encrease of the Military has encreast their Expences. Fort St. George ought always to have 550 Men in 3 Companys, the stewards expences increas'd by the public rejoycings on Receipt of the Phirmaunds and the 5 Towns. Europe liquors dear, no Wine come from Persia nor any receiv'd from Madeira, Grain and all Provisions dear, the Gusbardar will be expensive will be as frugal in all as possible.

37. October 16th let to Sunca Rama &c^{a}. the 5 Villages for 12 years at 1200 Pagodas a year as formerly let by President Pitt, the Chittees who had continued sour united with the Banyans on this occasion.

Sixthly touching Factors, Wrjters, Officers, Soldiers, and their Accompts.

38. List of Inhabitants, Marriages, Births, and Burialls sent.

39. December 9th dy'd Mr. John Smith 5th of Council at St. Davids intestate has left no estate.

40. George Woollaston, Factor, commended for learning Gentue, Mallabar, and Portugeez, is useful to the President to judge when the Dubashes interpret rightly and is now sent into the Country to Purchase Paddy.

41. Mr. Josia Cooke is design'd home on the Hanover, refer to Consultation 16th October why detain'd him in the Inner Fort.

42. Mr. William Harris, factor, appointed the 3d of Council of Dieu is now at Metchlepatam with Mr. Sanderson, they have transacted well with Auga Pere.

43. James Hubbard sub Accomptant has taken pains in bringing up the books and teaching the young men, have allow'd him 100 Pagodas a year on good behaviour for 3 years to have the 1st place of profit, which submit to the Companys determination.

SEVENTHLY TOUCHING ACCOMPTS.

44. General Books of Fort St. George sent, the St. Davids not receiv'd, durst not venture them overland because of the Quarrell with Diaram. Warehouse List of demands, &c^{a}. Papers also sent, shall send the Journal Parcells to 31th December by the Cambridge and charge of sloops &c^{a}. for Dieu when finisht.

45. Vizagapatam Journal and Ledger L sent.

46. Wanting Cash have drawn Bills payable to the following Persons viz. for Pag^{s}. 1,530 receiv'd of Thomas Theobald payable to John Turner Esq. for Pag^{s}. 1,700 to James Monger, for Pag^{s}. 5,000 to Nathaniel Elwick, for Pag^{s}. 1,500 to Mrs. Florentia Warre, Messrs. George Lewis and Osmand Beavoir.

EIGHTHLY TOUCHING THE WEST COAST.

47. Have no advices from the West Coast since the King William came thence, a sloop which came thence in September reports the Rochester was lading, the 2 Bencoolen and Benjar ship lay on their hands with the President, hear Mr. Shyllinge is dismist and will be sent home on the Rochester and others turn'd out of Post Captain Gwillim of the President representing the necessity of her going to refit at Madrass was turn'd out of command, but when the season was over for her coming away was restored, the Master of the Sloop durst not own his design of coming to Madrass lest he had been stopt.

48. This looks as if the West Coast had thrown off their subjection, expect the George Brigantine in a Month unless detain'd contrary to orders if so must find out another Conveyance to send a person fully authoriz'd as occasion requires.

SUPPLEMENT.

49. Have sent to St. Helena 100 Pagodas value in silver fanams same as formerly.

50. Found mistakes in the Hanovers Bengall bill of Lading 7,000 Pieces Gurraps right in the Margin in the Body of the Bill only 1,000 mention'd, Tanjeebs santose are mention'd 888, believe should be but 884 as in the Margin.

51. Mr. Frederick has a Charge against Mr. Woollaston in his stewards employ which will be examin'd.

52. Mr. Horden Sea Customers Account past his Ballance Pagodas 1,744 : 4 : 32 paid in.

53. Register of Dyamonds Pagodas 27,828:8:2. sent with Register of Captains private trade being rupees 7,700, the Hanovers Invoice from Madras Pagodas 91 861:10:29. will be fill'd up at St. Davids.

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ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY, DATED FEBRUARY 22, 1718. RECEIVED PER DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE THE 9TH JANUARY, 1718–19. [*Coast and Bay Abstracts, Vol. 2, pp. 148–150.* (*India Office transcript.*)]

1. Duplicate of their last of the 13th ult. sent by the Hanover enclosed she was dispatcht the 25th of January from Fort St. Davids.

2. January 14th sent the Dartmouth sloop design'd for Dieu to Fort St. Davids with packing stuff &c^{a}.

3. George Brigantine return'd from the West Coast 23th January with the General Letter from thence of the 16th December, have sent 2 Bales fine Long-cloth for St. Helena at their desire per Cambridge.

4. February 4th the Duke of Cambridge arriv'd from Bengall bringing the Kings Gusbardar with a serpaw for the President. President Hedges dy'd the 28th December.

5. The Metchlepatam Madrass Brigantine and Dartmouth sloop laden with Bales from St. Davids arriv'd the 9th and on the 16th the Frances with 400 Bales more.

6. The Deputy Governor at St. Davids commended for hastening the Merchants to bring in their Cloth when the Countrey Government threaten'd them 1,170 Bales laden there on the Hanover 511 more sent since to Madrass all provided at St. Davids besides 190 Bales receiv'd there provided by the Madrass Merchants, will have above 1,200 Bales left when the Cambridge is dispatcht of Madrass Goods and St. Davids and shall soon have many more from both places could have fill'd up the Bouverie. List of Goods remaining sent.

7. Having got what Petre was procurable at Madrass supply'd the Cambridge with half of what she should have about 500 Baggs yet remaining shall buy more for the next early ship if procurable.

8. 7th instant contracted with the Merchants for 1,708 Bales, 1200 of them to be deliver'd in September, the rest by the 1st January have order'd St. David to contract for 1,897 Bales.

9. Endeavour'd to get an Abatement of the price thô thought it not practicable because of the dearness of the Grain, if have not rain in March and April fear a famine and because have no money to give but Bonds which will be near 80,000 Pagodas by the end of the Month.

10. The Investments mention Bettelias of 52 Covids long, have never sent any above 50 suppose it a mistake, the Painters say they can't paint Sallampores in the whole piece, have set them to try, have sent 4 Bales of fine Sallampores white at the Merchants desire in half Pieces. Oringall Bettellees so bad have contracted for none, what the Merchants provided for the private Traders ly on their hands.

11. Have resolv'd to send Mr. Thomas Cooke 5th of Council supravisor to the West Coast for the reasons in Consultation of the 28th January. James Hubbard sub Accomptant sent his Assistant, because the Accounts there are to be begun on a new foot which bodes ill.

12. Are very easy with the Countrey Government hope it will continue, the Gusbardar receiv'd by the President at the Sea Gate and 21 Guns fired. 8th February the Gusbardar with many of the Moor men of quality received the President at the old Fruit Garden, thence went to the Garden house, the President in his serpaw, and gave him, the Europeans, Armenians, and Moors of quality of the Neighbouring Countrey an Entertainment, hoped he would have given them possession of the Grants in the Phirmaund but finding his business was only Ceremony shall get rid of him, he approv'd of their taking possession of the 5 Towns against Diaram, says they should do so at Dieu if it be not deliver'd peaceably.

13. The Treaty for delivering Dieu is yet in suspence, will part with no money without a certainty, have fair promises but don't rely on them from Mauberize Caun, doubt whether he can or will give them possession, if had the force wrote for could get it without the Nabobs leave. Mr. Surman will enable the Company to judge better, wish he had touch'd at Madrass.

14. Complain of attempts in the Bay to hinder their benefit of trade allow'd them there by the Company, suppose the Company will have the account from thence, desire the Companys protection or else the Revenues will suffer.

15. Wanting Cash have drawn Bills viz. for Pagodas 222:8. payable to Elinor Lesley, for Pag^{s}. 6,000 payable to Sir George Mathew, for Pag^{s}. 500 payable to Mrs. Elizth Fawkner.

16. Journal Parcells to the 31st October sent.

17. Mr. Stevenson laid down the 13th February returns by the Cambridge.

18. Samuell Synnock entertain'd in the Accomptants Office factor for 3 years from the 3d instant and has given Security, hope the Company will approve of him, he being capable and faithfull.

19. Lieutenant Hobs dy'd at St. Davids the 4th Instant, whereupon gave a Lieutenants Commission to Ensign John D. Morgan.

20. Mr. Fredericks charge against the Stewards Accounts under examination but suspended till the Cambridges dispatch.

21. Captain Smalls obligation to take but half freight for Pepper laden on board sent, Captain Osborne promised the same, beg pardon for omitting to take his obligation.

22. By Letters from Bombay dated the 16th January received by a new way the 19th instant understood the Samorine was forced to make peace with the King of Cochin, the troubles at Carwar ended in a peace the 26th November, the Sarum was dispatcht the 30th December the day the York arriv'd the Morice arriv'd the 19th December, grain very scarce there must employ the ships at Madrass for Grain which should be sent on Voyages.

23. Bill for Pagodas 2,500 drawn payable to Captain John Dorrill.

24. Register of Dyamonds per Cambridge amounts to Pag^{s}. 10,704: 9: 20. Captain Smalls Register from Bengall Rupees 11,035 and from Madrass Pag^{s}. 1,860 Invoice of the Cambridge Pag^{s}. 147,426: 26: 42.

P.S.
Have remaining in Warehouse Bales 1396.

THO: COOKE.
JOHN LEGG.
RAND: FOWKE.
N. TURNER.
JOSEPH COLLET.
THO: FREDERICK.
WM. JENNINGS.
RICH^{D}: HORDEN.

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY, DATED AUGUST 7 AND 12, 1718. RECEIVED PER PRINCESS ANNE 9TH MARCH, 1718-19. [*Coast and Bay Abstracts, Vol. 2, pp. 151—157.* (*India Office transcript.*)]

1. This sent by the Princess Anne who touch'd at Madrass in her way from Moca to England, have receiv'd the Companys letters by this years Shipping, after giving a brief Account of the Companys Affairs shall defer answering those letters till the Derbys dispatch, she stays only for Petre from the Bay.

FIRST CONCERNING SHIPPING.

2. Duke of Cambridge did not arrive from the Bay till the 4th February she sail'd away 25th Do.

3. March 3d sent the Dartmouth Sloop to Vizagapatam with 2 Chests of rupees and 4,000 Pagodas and packing stuff.

4. Have sent the George Brigantine with a supervisor on her to the West Coast, she is charg'd very dear from Bengall shall employ her constantly, she was dispatcht the 2nd Aprill Mr. Thomas Cooke went supravisor Mr. James Hubbard sub Accomptant 2d of Council 8th of Aprill sent the Metchlepatam to Bengall with Redwood to supply the shipping and the Madrass Brigantine the 10th with Stores &c^{a}. to St. Davids and to bring back Bales.

5. The Derby arriv'd 8th May, the next day the Heathcote bound for Bengall, she had touch'd at St. Davids and brought 100 of the Companys Bales from thence and the Madrass brought 150 more.

6. Detain'd the Heathcote to coyn 40 Chests of her Treasure, the Liberty of the Bay Mint not being yet obtain'd.

7. The Mary Captain Holden arriv'd 18th June and the Grantham the 19th bound for the Bay detain'd her to coyn her Treasure. The Boneta Captain Harry arriv'd the 20th Messrs. Scattergood and Harris. The 25th arriv'd the King George.

8. June 8th dispatcht the Heathcote with 40 Chests Rupees and her Redwood.

9. July 8th dispatcht the Mary for Vizagapatam with Treasure, Stores, &c^{a}. to take in what Bales ready thence to go to the Bay, she had 30 Chests of the Granthams Treasure for the Bay, 30th D^{o}. dispatcht the Grantham to the Bay with 60 Chests of rupees, the rest of the Bay Treasure shall send this Month in Rupees by the King George.

10. The President from the West Coast arriv'd the 29th July, the 30th D^{o}. arriv'd Success Captain Graves with a General Letter from the supravisor and Council.

11. Princess Anne arriv'd 16th July in her way from Mocha to England.

12. The Dieu Island Expedition being delay'd have sold the Madrass Brigantine bought for that service for Pag^{s}. 1,600 as she cost.

SECONDLY CONCERNING GOODS SENT AND TO BE SENT FROM EUROPE.

13. Have sold about 400 Bales of Woollen Goods receiv'd this Season at only 30 per cent on Invoice the Countrey trade being stopt by the scarcity of Grain, hoped to have got 5 per cent more but could not, could put off but 10 Bales of yellow Cloth there being no demand for it, have 49 Bales left which intend to send to the Bay by the King George hear it will go off there.

14. Have receiv'd the Tents per Mary and King George but wanted seasonable weather to set them up, shall set the Merchants to enquire how to dispose of them.

15. Lead sold at 7 Pag^{s}. a Candy and Iron at 11.

16. The Derbys Treasure sold at 15$\frac{3}{8}$ Dollars weight for 10 Pagodas, to encourage a China voyage for the London Messrs. Elwicke and Trenchfield supra Cargos they sail'd the 9th June for Canton, this enabled them to pay off the Bonds given for the running Contract, the remaining Treasure sold at 15 Dollar weight for ten Pagodas.

17. Shall send the list of warehouse and store demands by the next ship.

18. Thankful for the Madeira wine by the Boneta, 20 Pipes sent to the Bay, 5 to St. Davids, 3 to Vizagapatam, and shall send some to the West Coast, have had no wine from Persia for 2 years, this will save a large expence.

THIRDLY TOUCHING INVESTMENTS.

19. Made their Contract for Investments 7th February and at St. Davids the 17th March on the same terms as last year, the scarcity of Grain and Cotton being dearer makes it hard on the Merchants, they complain of taking so few

fine goods, have taken care the generality of goods sent this year are better than those of former years, refer to Consultation 21th April why took in 6 or 7 Bales Beteelas more than Contract.

20. Want Stock to carry on the Investments, what receiv'd in one year do's little more than pay off the debts of the preceding, before the Derbys arrival did want for necessary expences, the Merchants could not lend any money, the President undertook to supply them by his own Creditt.

21. The Drought which lasted a year has sunk the springs that the Washermen wanted water so that could not whitten the Cloth brought in, hope to have 3,000 Bales by the end of September, have been at about 300 Pagodas expence to cleanse the Washermens tanks and deepen their wells they not being able to do it themselves, this will prevent the ships being detain'd for the bales.

22. Forty one Bales of Long Cloth whiten'd in the Countrey sent, which will be particularly mark'd that if there is damage the Merchants may, as have agreed, make it good as per Consultation 28th Aprill.

FOURTHLY TOUCHING THE TRADE OF INDIA IN GENERAL AND THEREIN ANY TRANSACTIONS WITH THE COUNTREY GOVERNMENT.

23. Inland trade of India stopt by the famine which has been from Ballasore to Surat this year so that could not sell the stocks sent to Surat last season, that Trade must stand still the season ensueing and part of their shipping too, made a successfull voyage last year to Manilla, have sent a large ship thither now and order'd another from the Bay and also a ship to Tonqueen.

24. No news of any Pyrate believe she at Bencoolen perisht having no late News of her.

25. Are convinced the Nabobs &c^{a}. will not give possession of any of the Grants in the Phirmaund unless bought over again or taken by force, Saddatulla Caun demands the 5 Villages back and threatens to take them by force, kept up a treaty with him till could put themselves into a posture of defence then on the 6th July gave him a peremptory denyall, this produced haughty verball Messages, hope to accommodate all under the pretence of a present from the new Governour.

26. Have much strengthend the Place by new Additions during this Contest without expence to the Company and the people who are to raise the money are satisfyed, a long line made from the sea side to the river north of the town which covers a considerable track of land and houses, it is a Trench and Cordera hedge on the Inside will have a Palmera hedge within it 4 small forts in the line like Choultrys will serve as Bastions and have 2, 3 or 4 Cannon on each, have added a 5th Choultry on the side of the River by the Compays Garden, these command the plain up to Egmore where have planted four Cannon and made it a Fort, have also 2 field Pieces there and hoisted the Union flag.

27. Heretofore such an attempt would have made the ground of a quarrell, but the necessity is so evident the Nabob has said nothing about it he knows the English dare fight. The roads on the north side of the town turn'd to be close by the Choultrys a small Blockhouse building at the end of the line close by the sea, when it is finisht will raise the Charge on the rich Inhabitants. Not above 4,000 Pagodas which they think a small expence considering the security, the value of houses and Gardens being already considerably advanced.

28. Wait for orders what to do about Due Island, may take and keep it with 200 good Europeans, 2 good ships and 200 Topasses till have built a good Fort, then all the Moguls forces can't drive them out, can never get it but by force.

29. Its not being inserted in the Phirmaund shows there was a trick design'd the Grant being only by a Husbulhookum apart but had they once possession and fortify'd would not fear expulsion.

30. Refer to the Advices in the Packet about the disputes at Gombroon received from Bombay.

FIFTHLY TOUCHING FORTIFICATIONS, BUILDINGS, REPAIRS, & REVENUES.

31. The Buildings of the Inner Fort near compleated and the expence almost at an end.

32. Have recalled the Cowl granted for selling Toddy thô it yielded 500 Pagodas a year, having by a years tryall found it too heavy on the Owners of the Toddy gardens.

33. The Revenues of the Villages and Paddy fields will suffer much by the drought not having had one crop where used to be 2 and 3 and their being a Clause to abate in case of war or drought it was prov'd by a substantiall Merchants Oath that what was rented at Pag^{s}. 1,785 produced but 650, could not refuse to take it in full, fear must allow the same in the other towns, many poor starving thô the rich are very charitable.

SIXTHLY TOUCHING FACTORS, WRITERS, OFFICERS, SOLDIERS, & THEIR ACCOMPTS.

34. Four covenant servants dead since their last, Rich^{d}: Smith 2d of Council at Vizagapatam 4th March, George Woolaston Steward 1st May, John Morgan, Junior, Merchant, Richard Gee Writer 1st July, all Intestate. Zachary Gee free Merchant administer'd to said Richard Gee his Nephew, what he left will bury him, the other 3 effects taking care of will be but little except Mr. Smith.

35. Thomas Wilford at his desire has quitted the service and is gon to the Bay. Edward Orrill is gon to sea. Wm. Bowridge return'd to England.

36. Joseph Houghton 4th of Council at St. Davids first suspended and then dismist for seizing the Companys Chief Dubash in defyance of the Deputy Governours authority as per Consultation 11th Aprill last.

37. Mr. Thomas Frederick 2d of Council suspended for his Insolent behaviour to the President and Councill refer to Consultations of the 14th, 21th, and 28th Aprill and 5th May for Account of all, he has deliver'd in a Paper enter'd in Consultation contradicting the whole board in a plain matter of fact, they used him tenderly and would have accepted a small satisfaction.

38. Mr. Nathaniel Elwick appointed to be of Council on a vacancy is gon to China supra Cargo of the London, have on Mr. Fredericks suspension and Mr. Cookes absence added Richard Benyon youngest of Council thô by standing is at a distance because of his extraordinary meritt, on Mr. Elwicks return he is to be 3d of Councill and Warehousekeeper, in the meantime Mr. Jennings is thô now 2d to officiate therein. Mr. Horden continues Sea Customer, Mr. Legg Paymaster, Mr. Fowke Land Customer, Mr. Turner Storekeeper, Mr. Benyon Rentall Generall and Scavinger, the late and present storekeeper have interchangeably sign'd account of remains and a Copy in the Accomptants Office, will do the same when the Warehouse is deliver'd over.

39. Have fill'd up the lower stations with regard to qualifications not standing, Mr. John Tourton is made Steward, George Tullie Register of the Choultry, Joshua Draper Under Searcher at the Sea Gate, John Emmerson Secretary recommended to the Companys favour, also Mr. Drake and that Mr. Dunster may have a years time given.

40. Consultations 28th April and 14th July show how have fill'd up the Councils at St. Davids and Vizagapatam.

SEVENTHLY TOUCHING ACCOMPTS.

41. Pagodas 48: 31. the Effects of Richard Bridges deceased paid Dr. Robson by the Grandfathers order.

42. A bag in Chest 432 per Mary said to contain 200 oz. was deliver'd to Charles Mitchell but it prov'd on weighing to be 320 ounces, suppose this surplus to be a mistake in the Treasury which therefore advice to rectify it.

43. The President has in pursuance of the order in the King Georges Letter paid into Cash Pag^{s}. 1,370: 1: 13, drawn on Com^{n}. on the West Coast, thankful for the Companys candour in this Affair.

44. Messrs. Weld and Berryman have paid into the St. Davids Cash what they ow'd.

45. Their want of money for the Investment has oblig'd them to give Bills on the Company for the following summes paid into Cash at 30 days sight payable viz^{t}. Bill for Pag^{s}. 10,000 payable to Edward Harrison Esq. or order, Bill for Pag^{s}. 10,000 payable to Edward Harrison Esq. and Mr. John Bedwell, Bill for Pags^{s}. 222: 8. payable to Mr. John Cooke, Bill for Pag^{s}. 500 payable to Zachary Gee, Bill for Pagodas 2,000 payable to Mrs. Florentia Warre Mr. George Lewis and Osmond Beavoir, Bill for Pag^{s}. 1,906: 20: payable to Anne Ouldham and Captain John Clark, Senior.

EIGHTHLY TOUCHING THE WEST COAST.

46. Have mention'd the receipt of a General Letter from Supravisor and Council on the West Coast.

47. Have paragraph 11 per Cambridge advised of Mr. Thomas Cookes being appointed supravisor, and James Hubbard his Assistant to be 2d on the West Coast, they left Madrass 2d April arriving at Bencoolen 5th May, the Affairs there found in a deplorable Condition as per duplicate of their General letter sent. Mr. Farmer has acted counter to his Instructions given by the Company and President and Council as if would undo what Mr. Collet had been doing for four years, has attempted to restore the abdicated Sultan Guillimott to the Northward, has oppress'd the People to the Southward for his own gain in salt, has Injuriously treated Mr. Shyllinge and Garrett secretting the Evidences to prove the heavy charges he laid on them, the Paggar at Marlbrô Fort gon to ruin for want of repair to raise a Mud Wall which can't resist a heavy shower of rain and expended thereon dollars 10,000 contrary to the Companys orders, has associated with Ellill and Morris to oppose Fort St. George Government and executed Bonds in Dollars 1000 penalty to perform it, let the President lye 18 months in the road idle at full expence, kept ships there when wanted Tonnage at Madrass to send to England, has sent the Original Accounts to England on the Hester, without sending Copys to Madrass or keeping any on the place.

48. Ippue and Tryamong settlements cutt off by Guillamott Mr. Burton kill'd with other English people discourag'd from bringing in Pepper, Northern settlement in danger of being cutt off, Marlbrô insecure.

49. Mr. Cookes arrival gave a new turn to Affairs the English rejoyced with the Natives in hopes of deliverance.

50. Mr. Cooke dispatcht the President and Success the 23th June, do intirely approve his proceedings hope he will restore the place now ruin'd.

51. Have resolv'd to suspend Mr. Richard Farmer and dismiss James Morris and confirm Mr. Cooke Deputy Governour when the Metchlepatam arrives from the Bay shall send her to the West Coast and order Mr. Farmer and Mr. Morris to be sent up on the George Brigantine.

52. Mr. Newcome and Mr. Kington have apologiz'd for signing Consultations and orders fearing Mr. Farmers ill treatment.

53. It dos not yet appear how far Mr. Shyllinge and Garrett were faulty, their Treatment worse than if had fallen among Banditti, question not but that the Company will do them justice as to what paid into their Cash.

54. Thô in Mr. Collets Instructions para. 116 the Company condemn'd Mr. Skingles ill treating Mr. Griffith and Mr. Garrett forbidding the like in future

yet Mr. Farmer has gon farther hath lock'd up Mr. Shyllinge and Garrett nail'd up their windows let them have no pen ink or paper forbid any to converse with them of which they will be able to speak more.

SUPPLEMENT.

55. Have deliver'd to the Merchants 363 Bales of Broad cloth and 20 bales of Perpets amounting to pag^{s}. 37,944 : 14 : 33. which in 3 months will be paid off in Callicoes.

56. President laid before the Council copy of a letter wrote the Company by Mr. Farmer and his Cabinet Council, not one single fact therein affects his Character.

JOSEPH COLLET.
WM. JENNINGS.
RICH : HORDEN.
JOHN LEGG.
RAND : FOWKE.
N. TURNER.
RICH : BENYON.

P.S.

Mr. Wm. Nanney Register of the Mayors Court dy'd the 7th August much in debt Mr. George Tulley succeeds him and George Drake is made Register of the Choultry.

P.S.

THE 12TH AUGUST.

French ship of about 800 Ton called the Count Tholouse from St. Malloes arriv'd Ponticherry her Cargo Treasure, Coral, Cloth, and Wine, but know not the amount, a smaller ship expected which sail'd before her. Bill given for Pag^{s}. 9,000 payable to Gilbert Affleck and Richard Mead.

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ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY, DATED SEPTEMBER 19,1718. RECEIVED PER DERBY 9TH JULY, 1719, BEING DUPLICATE OF WHAT SENT PER SUCCESS. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts, Vol. 2, pp. 159—168. (India Office transcript.)*]

1. Their last was of the 7th August with P. S. of the 12th sent by the Princess Anne who touch'd at Madrass in her way from Mocha for England she sail'd the 14th.

2. Had not then time to answer the Companys letter which shall now do.

FIRST CONCERNING SHIPPING SENT OUT AND RETURN'D.

3. The Derby sent to Fort St. Davids with Treasure &c^{a}. to bring up Bales the 8th August, the 27th receiv'd Captain Woottons letter of the 11th June from Bombay advising he had lost his passage to Persia, its copy sent giving an

account of his passage, 29th August sent the King George to Bengall with 61 Chests Treasure and the unsaleable yellow broad Cloth the remainder of the £250,000 order'd for the Bay sent on the Anne the 17th Instant.

4. 530 Bales from St. Davids received the 5th instant by the Derby.

5. The West Coast ship President being survey'd as per Consultation of the 11th August found not worth repairing therefore sold her for 476 pagodas.

6. The Derby sloop is near finisht at St. Davids, Captain Fitzhugh and his men have hasten'd her of which shall write further by him.

7. Being order'd para. 12 per Derby to dispatch a ship in August that had layn the season before and the Success arriving from the West Coast the 30th July design'd to send her home, but having lost half her men on the West Coast and the rest being sick were forc'd to delay her lading.

8. Have advised the Bay as per para. 13 order'd of the Charterparty Clause not to dispatch ships from thence for Europe before 30th November or after the 28th February, but to fill them up with stores for Madrass unless can employ them on frieght, have a full lading for the Derby and expect 2,500 Bales for the two January ships from the Bay, expect the Bay will dispatch the Heathcote and Grantham and lade a third of the Mary and King George, Bouverie can't return to be dispatcht till next year, shall order a ship from the West Coast to be dispatcht from Madrass for England in July or August.

9. The English in the Bay not having the priviledge yet of coyning, and Madrass rupees being more currant there than Surat, therefore coyned half the Heathcotes Treasure and sent it on her, being 40 Chests, being enô to begin the Investment, would have taken up 24 days to have coyn'd the whole, have coyn'd and sent the rest of the Treasure for the Bay.

10. Don't hear of any objection to the stamp of the Madrass rupee will have it as neat as can.

11. Caution in para. 9 about the Charterparty Clause of lading 24 tons of Goods more on a ship shall have no occasion for having Bales enô, the other Clause in it and para. 44. per Bouverie about Captains paying for the surplus price of petre above 18 pagodas a Candy they say can't be comply'd with for the Owners would loose by it considering the loss in weight so that the Captains would not take it on those terms, therefore pray further directions thô think it the Companys interest to continue the present terms.

12. The President and President and Council will follow the Secret Committees orders.

13. Mr. Henry Johnson in the St. Francisco formerly at St. Thoma is not yet return'd if she should will put the orders about her in execution to seiz British subjects belonging to her.

14. In answer to para. 15 will write to the West Coast about the state of their provisions, Mr. Farmer &c^{a}. would follow none but overthrow the establishment made by the President.

15. Hope the Rochester is long since arriv'd having been at the Cape.

16. Have order'd the West Coast to advise constantly how they employ the Vessells sent them, Mr. Farmer kept the President idle 18 months in the Road at full expence.

17. Will oblige Messrs. Harris and Scattergood to comply with their agreement about the ship Boneta can't think it the Companys interest to grant such permissions. Clandestine trade may be thereby carry'd on, It hurts the English Country ships in India therefore hope to see no more of them.

18. Thankfull for the Wine by the Boneta have supply'd the Bay and subordinate Factorys shall send some to the West Coast.

19. Refer to Consultation 14th July why took ashore 4 of the Granthams Mariners Prysoners being Mutinous.

SECONDLY CONCERNING GOODS FROM EUROPE.

20. Advis'd by the Princess Anne how sold the Treasure and Goods received this year when opened the Tents found no outside or materials for it only the inside embost Cloth have order'd a double Dungaree from St. Davids and intend to set one of them up with the proper Timber work and ropes which will be expensive and then doubt whether can sell it.

21. Do follow orders para. 30. about the care of perishable store Goods as per Consultations will appear.

22. Same care taken of the warehouse Goods account of remains deliver'd in and examin'd if anything is decaying or falling in price it is order'd to be sold as per Consultation 4th August.

23. Observe the omission of not entering the Report of damage on the Medley Cloth hope the Secretary will be more carefull.

24. Refer to Consultation 18th August that several Goods sent after the Boneta were not received as per Invoice thô suppose they were return'd back yet thought it proper to advise.

THIRDLY TOUCHING INVESTMENTS OF GOODS PROPER FOR EUROPE.

25. Will comply with the List of Goods sent and the Committees observations thereon.

26. Stock sent this and last year not enough to pay debts and make investments, forced to pay Interest for the Goods they buy which is a great charge to the Company being more than in England, should an early ship have a disappointment Credit would be at a stand, have determin'd to take in money what offers and give Bills on the Company.

27. Cotton much risen in price the last year being very unseasonable weather, fear can't lower the Goods at next Contract, a French ship of 800 tons arrived at Ponticherry another of 400 expected, hear she had about pagodas 200,000 stock.

28. Oringal Bettellees of 24 and 32 Covids being worse and dearer have forbid bringing any more in.

FOURTHLY TOUCHING THE TRADE OF INDIA IN GENERAL AND THEREIN ANY TRANSACTIONS WITH THE COUNTREY GOVERNMENT.

29. Desire directions for making a Divident of the China junks produce to the Concerneds and of the King of Acheens ship.

30. The last letter advis'd the present state of trade and circumstances with the Countrey Government, will as order'd para. 43 endeavour to keep fair with the Countrey Government and show them will not be insulted.

31. Nabob Sadatulla Caun has a fresh order'd his General Tyre Caun to retake the 5 Villages from the English, the President endeavours to draw the Nabob into a treaty who says the English Representation to the Mogul about those villages is not true.

32. Can never get Dieu Island but by force, 200 good Europeans well officer'd would take and keep it, must send 400 men with a gun room crew and sufficient naval assistance.

33. Bombay wants officers and souldiers having had ill success at Carwar and quarrells with Angria who seizes all English ships he can, he took two of Bengall last year, have not enô for Fort St. George in their present state between peace and war.

34. Have follow'd the Companys orders about the Casts and advised what added further, had no apprehensions of disturbance from them till lately Paupa Braminy was discover'd to have a Correspondence with some of the heads of the

Chittees of Madrass by the assistance of Mr. Long, Chaplain, 3 letters intercepted found in the scabbard of a peons sword, one to the English Padre, another to the Negarrum people, a word meaning the difference between the Chittees and Quomitty, the 3d to a black fellow intended for a Braminy whom they soon discover'd, have not gon thrô their Enquirys, the project seems to be to get money for Paupas support and re-establishing the Companys Merchant, their proceedings enter'd in Consultation 18th August hope to conclude and send all by the Derby. It is evident Mr. Long has interessed himself for Paupa Braminy with the Chittees, desire to know the Companys opinion thereupon.

35. The Peddanaigue by his extravagancy is so much in debt can't maintain the number of Talliars necessary to watch the City, many robberys of late in the Black Town and one with a murder which is very unusuall, the Peddanaigue bound to satisfy the sufferers but has not nor is able owing many thousand pagodas, is now confin'd till he pays as far as is able. Timapa Naigue of the same Family put into that Office and has a Cowl, Consultations 7th and 10th July gives account of Proceedings.

36. The Madrass Laws about the Casts extend to all the English Governments on the Coast, hope thereby to keep all in peace if the English don't underhand encourage those who oppose the Government as Mr. Long has.

37. The order in paragraph 52 to pay 2 per cent. consulage towards the Companys charge at Surat submitted to, wish the allowance to the President had been setled at a certainty, the Trade at Surat discouraging at present, what sent last year thither from the Coast and Bay unsold or only on credit because no money on the place.

38. Persian Copy of the Phirmaund and Husbulhookums in words at length sent.

39. Letter from Vizagapatam of 6th August gives a dreadful account of the famine there 100 Persons a day found starv'd to death, have not above a months provision in the factory but expect supplys from Bengall. The Mary dispatcht for Vizagapatam 8th July it is suppos'd was put by in bad weather, the want of the timber on board a great disappointment to their Buildings and the Treasure for their Investments, have wrote to the Bay to hire a vessell to send the stores and to order the Mary to touch there and land the Treasure being Pagodas 10,000 in Rupees and Gold and to bring up their Bales which expect may be 300.

FIFTHLY TOUCHING FORTIFICATIONS, BUILDINGS, AND REVENUES.

40. Hope the buildings in the Inner Fort will be compleated in October.

41. The Church have the Profits of the Toddy Garden, don't hear of disorders there.

42. Mr. Farmers mannagement has put the West Coast into the utmost confusion thô that Coast is more particularly recommended to Mr. Collet, Mr. Farmer, Ellill, and Morris's Letter to the Company will show they will not obey the orders he left as supravisor.

43. The Cash Book and Consultations will show the care in paying in the Revenues the same shall be at subordinate factorys.

44. Have endeavour'd to get back the Patans from St. Thoma and hope to effect it by preventing the black Merchants at Madrass trading privately with them, allow them to bring in goods from thence by sea and pay dutys, but would prevent buying Goods there and sending them into the Countrey have forbid all intercourse with Auga Mogheen till he satisfys for the Injurys don, he shelter'd an Inhabitant of Madrass Slave fled thither and confin'd the Master, when went to reclaim her forc'd him to give a discharge for the Wench for 20 pagodas paid thô he never would take it, another Slave of a French Inhabitant of Madrass rob'd her Mistress of some Jewells fled thither and is detain'd thô the President wrote to demand both, whereupon seiz'd a house in Madrass of Auga Mogheens expect to make him comply shortly.

45. Shall answer the paragraphs about St. Davids by the Derby and send List of the Vizagapatam Revenues.

46. Necessary to keep a strict hand over the Conicoplys and Dubashes, Paupa Braminy late Chief Dubash the main Agent of the difference between the Chitty and Quomitty Casts, he advised their deserting Madrass thô were assur'd they should be heard in 2 days and telling them the new Governor must yield to the Chittys or could not carry on the Investments, are now mortify'd because excluded, being the Companys Merchants can't do business without some of them.

47. The Merchants offering 1000 pagodas towards building a bridge from the Black Town to the Island which will be of public use and Mr. Way computing the charge at 12 to 1400 Pagodas have near finisht it shall raise the rest by forfeitures or English contributions.

48. April 14th the Council were advis'd the Accomptant's Office newly built leak'd, being survey'd found the Chinam bad being mixt with ashes, the Paymasters Conicoply and Dubash having for some years taken money of the Chinam providers to connive at the badness, found the Chinam on a survey to be pagodas 625 worse than it should be and made the Conicoply pay the same into Cash, fin'd the Dubash 250 pagodas towards the new bridge as per Consultations 14th, 21st and 28th April and 21th July.

SIXTHLY TOUCHING FACTORS, WRITERS, OFFICERS, SOLDIERS AND THEIR ACCOMPTS.

49. Mr. Aug: Burton takes place as order'd the Writers as per List also arriv'd Richard Gee since dead some of them very indifferent.

50. Mr. Joshua Draper commended by the Company for his good writing made Secretary hope he will give satisfaction therein.

51. Mr. Turton and Mr. Draper endeavour'd to learn Persian but the Master for want of understanding English could not teach them much.

52. Messrs. Weld and Berryman at St. Davids have paid their debts into Cash.

53. Mr. William Harris appointed 2d of Council for Dieu has been sometime at Metchlepatam.

54. Have allow'd Mr. Faucet Dyet money as order'd when not at the Companys table.

55. List of souldiers and Gunroom Crew shall be sent sign'd per Paymaster and an account of Peons how employ'd.

56. In answer to para. 84 for reducing the charge of the Military at St. Davids and not keep up a 3d Company say the whole garrison is but 450 men and when war must be divided into several bodys, each requires as Officer of Authority to command at the several works even in time of peace to reduce the Number may if war hazard the place had 5 Commission Officers in the Action at Trivadore to fight the 160 men there which found to be of advantage being divided into 4 bodys and one to command in Chief.

57. The Garrison is kept in pretty good order, now and then a man deserts or is guilty of crimes and are punisht, the incorrigible they send off the place or exchange with the ships for others, have spared Captain Graves 4 or 5.

58. Glad the Company approve their assisting the Danish Protestant Missionarys.

59. Have considerably reform'd the late expensive way of living, have left off tiffing in private families the Persons guilty of that expensiveness have been sent off the place except Mr. Nanney lately dead in debt none but the frugal promoted lately.

60. Shall by the 1st conveyance recall Mr. Harris and souldiers from Metchlepatam, have order'd them to proceed on any ship bound up, no purpose to

keep them since can't get Dieu but by force. Pendrill the Ensign dead, Mr. Eckman sent to succeed him, Sargeant James Harrington made Ensign.

61. Captain Graves informing the President that his Chief mate had a packet from Mr. Morris to be deliver'd privately to Mrs. Farmer to whom directed, the President sent for it and in presence of Messrs. Jennings, Horden, and Legg open'd it, wherein were 3 Letters one to Mrs. Farmer, one to Mr. Turner of Council, the 3rd to Gunner Hugonin, these were all open'd and read in Council enter'd after Consultation 18th August. Mr. Turner required to show the letter referred to in the other said he had one to himself and another to Mr. Frederick Jennings and Leg with himself own'd he had liberty to show it to all or any of them and that only Mr. Frederick had seen it, both Letters being produced the separate was read and enter'd after the Consultation, the other adjourn'd to the next contain'd a long Narrative in many particulars false and an Appeal from the Councill to them four, the Council having read the Letter and debated, Mr. Turner being withdrawn by order, came to several Resolves as per Consultation 22th August among others that Mr. Turner for concealing it was guilty of a high crime and misdemeanour and had broke his Covenants. Mr. Turner being acquainted therewith said he did not think himself guilty having no design to prejudice the Company, whereupon the Council dismist him. Mr. Morris's long Letter is No. 85 in the Letter Book which with Consultations will be sent per Derby. Doubt not the Company will approve their Conduct Mr. Emmerson Secretary thereupon made youngest of Council, Joshua Draper, Secretary, Thomas Dunster under searcher at the Sea Gate.

62. Mr. Richard English Writer is under Mr. Oadham who will teach him how to mannage the Mint.

63. John Russon Writer recommended to have a years time.

SEVENTHLY TOUCHING ACCOMPTS.

64. Will advise of all Bills drawn, sorry for the omission in para. 97.

65. The method of transferring Trusts mentioned para. 100 observ'd constantly the Accounts interchangeably sign'd at the board and in the book where enter'd in the Accomptants Office.

66. Know of no private trade from China by the Dartmouth or Marlbrô but what enter'd in the Sea Customers book sent yearly.

67. The Captains complain unjustly of the Stewards Impositions on them in getting provisions, he neither dos nor can hinder them but serves them cheaper and better than others, pray such assertions may be prov'd hereafter that may vindicate unjust charges.

68. The Accomptants letter shall be answer'd in January.

69. Complaint of the badness of Paper sent in January 1715, desire may have the best what now sent worse than before.

70. Have drawn Bills for the following summes payable viz^{t}. for Pag^{s}. 377 : 22 to Eliz. Osborne, for Pag^{s}. 108 to Moses Barrow, for Pag^{s}. 696 : 16 : 28 to Edward Harrison Esq., for Pag^{s}. 2,755 : — : 39 to Cavendish and Sandford Nevile, for Pag^{s}. 21 : 3 : 48 to John Freeman, Esq.

71. Pag^{s}. 111 : 4 part of the Estate of Richard Smith deceased at Vizagapatam paid into Cash shall write thither to pay in the rest.

72. Pag^{s}. 29 : 1 : 35 the 4th Divident to Mr. William Martin on the Anna Bona Esperanza paid into the Companys Cash.

EIGHTHLY TOUCHING THE WEST COAST.

73. Shall send Mr. Cooke a Commission to be Deputy Governor on the West Coast and a Dormant one as Supervisor.

74. Fear will be difficult for them to bring up their books the originals being sent to England and no copys left, desire copys may be sent them or else must begin all anew which Mr. Farmer seem'd to design by sending them away.

75. The Vessells of the Companys are the George Brigantine, Metchlepatam, and Derby sloop when finisht besides two very small ones, shall send one yearly to the West Coast to relieve the former and carry and bring advices. Mr. Farmer never design'd to send any to prevent the knowledge of what he was doing, the George Brigantine had been detain'd but that the Captain was order'd to obey none of their orders, Mr. Farmer aim'd to be independent and hope to get it by writing scurrilously of his Superiours.

76. Captain Graves and his Officers gave in an Attestation under their hands that Mr. Morris when Supravisor at Bentall going at Bentall the 2nd February 1717 on Sunday in drink sent for two men prisoners from the Cockhouse and on the parade order'd one to be beheaded and the other his fingers and thumbs to be cutt off joynt by joynt, and then his head, and afterwards oblig'd Sultan Cutcheel to sign their death warrants.

77. The Preservation of the West Coast Northern settlements in great measure owing to Captain Graves and his mens vigilance and activity Mr. Farmer and Mr. Morris having no regard to Affairs but as they overthrew Mr. Collets establishment.

SUPPLEMENT.

78. Duplicate of the letter of the 23rd February and Papers sent per Duke of Cambridge now come were not ready for the Princess Anne.

79. Forty tons Petre supplyed the Success at the Captains request.

80. At Governor Boones desire wrote to Monsieur La Prevostire the new Governor of Ponticherry for 2 or 3 Bombardiers, who answer'd he had but one skill'd therein and could not spare him, but if would send 1 or 2 capable they should be instructed, whereupon the President sent two out of the Gunroom one a good Gunner, hope they may learn something time enô to be sent to Bombay on the October ship, a good Engineer at Bombay and one at Madrass would be of great use nothing terrifying the Natives like Granados and Bombs.

81. In answer to para. 63 by the May have on examination found the error in Consultation entry 7th September 1716 about Mr. Cooke Rentall General paying in money on account Rent roll for 1714 which should be for the year 1715, have agreed to rectify the mistake, will take better care in future.

82. Mr. Charles Michell Factor at his request comes home on the Success to recover his health, hopes if he recovers that he may return again, the Note of his hand about the difference of 120 oz. silver enclosed.

83. Mr. Duncan Munro surgeons Mate returns to England on this ship.

84. Captain Graves Register of Goods amounts to pag^{s}. 610, the Successes Invoice to pag^{s}. 50,113: 27: 3.

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P.S.

50 bags of Pepper more spared to Captain Graves to shoot in the Hold and is added to the Invoice.

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY, DATED DECEMBER 18 1718. RECEIVED BY THE DERBY THE 9TH JULY, 1719. [*Coast & Bay Abstracts, Vol. 2, pp. 182–191. (India Office transcrip.t)*]

1. This is sent on the Derby with duplicate of their letter of 19th September per Success giving answer to the Companys Letters received and Triplicate of those of the 7th August per Princess Anne and 22th February last per Cambridge giving an account of the then state of Affairs, shall now add what has happen'd since.

FIRST CONCERNING SHIPPING.

2. The Successes dispatches dated the 19th September last, she sail'd the 21th in the morning, next morning discover'd a ship coming up the Coast from the southward making a signal of distress, she suddenly after running ashore, on sending out Peons by Land and Cattamarans by sea understood it was the Success, whereupon sent the Britannia Sloop Ramah and all the Mussoolas procurable with souldiers, &c^{a}. assistance, and Tents for encampments ashore to save what possible of her Cargo, the President to give the whole directions as per Consultation 22th September, at 5 in the Evening Captain Graves with half his ships Company came to Madrass ashore the rest by land, she was wreck'd at Trivembore in the Moguls Dominions 4 Leagues to the Southward of Madrass, the substance of the mens depositions enter'd after Consultations 3d and 6th October is viz^{t}., the wind at S.W. when they sail'd 21th in the morning stood on a wind to the southward till 5 afternoon out of sight of Land then stood in to landward, between 8 and 12 the pumps were often sounded and found in good order and but 5 inches water, just before 12 at night being in 35 fathom water found the Pumps stopt and 5 foot water in hold and the ship beginning to ly down, whereupon got out the Long boat and threw several things overboard, found between 7 and 8 foot water in hold, on which several of the Officers, Sailers, and Passengers got into the Boat, the Captain in the Round house and the ship lying Gunnell too, he got into the boat the ship shot from them so fast the boat could not keep way with her, they therefore got within a League of shore to the southward of the wreck, but could not get to her being spent, at last got hold of a Country boat at anchor and hir'd her to tow them to Madrass. The men on board endeavour'd to keep the ship on float by throwing over what they could, cutting the anchors from the Bows and bailing out the water for the Pumps would not work, thus they brought the ship into 7 fathom, then she not answering her helm run aground off Trivembore the men by a raft and 2 Cattamarans got ashore and by Aga Mogheen Havildar of St. Thoma's Assistance travell'd to Madrass.

3. She had been duly survey'd and reported in good Condition before lading, suppose some plank started.

4. Captain Graves and several of the Derbys men went on the Vessells sent to the wreck, on the 24th they wrote the President it was impossible to work on the wreck as she lay, therefore kept a Camp on shore to take up the Bales as they came ashore the ship beginning to break, whereupon sent them more men under Captain Fullerton as per Consultation of the 24th, refer to Papers in the Packet for an account of all orders, &c^{a}. on this Affair.

5. The Country Government demanded the Wreck, threatening force, but did not fear them being intrencht, when the ship broke the 27th not a Bale came ashore but all drove to the Norward by the Current setting that way, on which the souldiers return'd thrô St. Thoma to Madrass, thereupon employ'd Peons, &c^{a}., to spread the Coast from the Wreck southward as far as Palliacat Northward near 40 Miles to secure all drove ashore and also Catamarans and divers, whereby out of Bales 608 shipt recover'd 383, the Washers immediately took care of them, to wash out the salt water, most of the Bales took up without their own bounds, some at Trivembore the rest at St. Thoma, Auga Mogheen the Governor thô had

forbid all intercourse with St. Thoma was glad to assist because the St. Thoma people would have been forced to leave it by this means reconciling himself to the English.

6. Took this occasion to assert their right by ancient Custom and the late Phirmaund to all saved of the Wreck, the People to the Norward having got a Bale ashore, on Notice of the Peons coming for it fled into the Countrey, whereupon the President wrote to the Hovildar of Pullimully &c^{a}. under whom the People were to demand that Bale and all else taken up, after some time they own'd the right and deliver'd the Bale with some trifles plunder'd by the Trivembore People out of the ship before the Men got to her, the Nabob all the while kept on the Reserve, continuing only threatening Messages he seeming unwilling to carry things too far and the English resolv'd to give up nothing of their rights without fighting.

7. The recover'd bales, all washt and sorted 350 of them perfectly good are mark'd S.W. additionall cost Pagodas 21,909: 17: 26. Six Bales sent to St. Helena value Pag^{s}. 314: 7: 37. design all by the Mary, have sold the remainder being torn or damaged. Account of salvage sent in the Packet with Charges the Net Amount is Pag^{s}. 21,862: 17: 12. fear'd should have saved nothing.

8. Can't find on the strictest examination but that the Captain and Officers did their duty, and did not quit the ship till forced.

9. The Derby being survey'd was begun to be laden the 22th September but wanting Petre, expected from the Bay it did not arrive on the Metchlepatam from thence till the 3d October she touching at Vizagapatam to deliver the Marys Treasure and fell short 5 Tons of the Charterparty Kintlage, which made up in Tootenague, the Captain demanded 80 Ton more Kintlage, gave him liberty to purchase heavy goods for that service as per particular in the Register, among which a Pecul of Shellack bespoke in the Bay sent up to him, he pray'd it might not pay Custom being not Customary as per Consultation 6th October, this referr'd to the Company.

10. Had salt petre arrived hoped to have dispatcht the Derby before the New Moon in October, fearing the Monsoon durst not venture any Bales on board before full Moon the 26th November and the ship to ride farther off in 13 and 14 fathom water thô it will cost near 2 months Demorage, refer to their pressing Letters to the Bay for Petre and the Answers back, it would be beneficial to the Company to have 4 or 5,000 Bags Petre always beforehand at Madrass, shall have above 1,000 Bales of Cloth after dispatch of the Derby, Mary, and King George, and enô for the Bouverie when she returns from Persia only Petre wanting, It would be dangerous to dispatch a West Coast ship thô her Kintlage on board without some Petre.

11. Captain Holdens Protest against the sea (enter'd in Letter book No. 96) for not touching at Vizagapatam.

12. October 12th Sloop Dartmouth arriv'd from Vizagapatam with Bales sent to St. Davids to go over the Bar and ly during the Monsoon.

13. October 22th sent the Metchlepatam to the West Coast with a Commission to make Mr. Cooke Deputy Governor his wife gon to him, Messrs. Farmer and Morris to come to Madrass.

14. Addison and Dartmouth arriv'd Bombay the 7th September. Captain Hicks dying, parted with the Stanhope the 21th May.

15. November 12th Messrs. Harris and Sanderson with 56 souldiers and the Stores arriv'd from Metchlepatam on a Sloop and 2 hired Boats.

16. Captain Fitzhughs Sloop finisht and called the Derby is order'd up from St. Davids with Bales, Captain Fitzhughs account of her cost in London is £452: 6: 1½. Have paid the Europe Carpenters and Caulkers Pag^{s}. 373 but the other Charges at St. Davids not received, shall send account of all per Mary.

SECONDLY CONCERNING GOODS SENT FROM EUROPE.

17. Shall per Mary send Lists of what wanted with observations necessary.

THIRDLY TOUCHING INVESTMENTS OF GOODS PROPER FOR EUROPE.

18. Could provide 4 or 5,000 Bales yearly if had stock.

19. Have sent 53 Bales of White Long cloth mark'd LCOXX made up in the Countrey, if any Complaint of them the Merchhants are to make it good.

FOURTHLY TOUCHING THE TRADE OF INDIA IN GENERAL AND OUR TRANSACTIONS WITH THE COUNTREY GOVERNMENT.

20. Famine continues so severe many poor dy in the streets, 3 or 4,000 fed dayly at the Expence of some English, no Rice or Paddy to be bought except a supply from Bengall. Have had rains to the Northward and Southward but not half enô, about Madrass, however, have planted the ground with it. Have wrote to all parts for Grain. Trade at a full stop in the Countrey by this scarcity and partly by Confusion in the Government, however, have encreast the Investment, will send Account remains per King George.

21. Come now to give an Account of the Treaty with the Nabob Willy Mahomud under his General Tyre Caun managed it and it seem'd near agreed on, the terms in Consultation 10th November. But the Nabob insisted on delivering the Villages to Suncah Ramah, who thô in name the Companys Merchant resides at Arcot, the English refusing Tyre Caun was order'd to collect his utmost force against them, they prepar'd to receive him and threaten'd to take all Moors ships from Bengall to Surat if he began Hostility, thus matters continued a Month but no Interruption in the Companys Affairs, when Aga Mogheen came to the President sent by Ducknaroy the Nabobs chief favourite to negotiate a Peace, who being displeased with Tyre Caun intended to recommend the Auga to the Nabob thereby, he demanded no more money than had been offer'd and agreed to the terms before proposed, Nabobs Ratification and Perwanna and present of Horse and Serpaw daily expected. Believe them sincere yet keep a strict guard on all their Actions. In the Consultation its said 3,000 Pag^{s}. are to be paid, but the President never offer'd above 2,000 and the Black Merchants pretend to give 1,000 more without his consent and is included in the tax laid on the Inhabitants on account of the Choultry shall only charge 2,000 in Cash paid on Account presents and 1,000 to Account new Choultrys. This don to prevent the present or future Nabobs insisting on such a Present as 3,000 Pagodas and is made partly on the Presidents succession and partly for the Phirmaund.

22. This Treaty will cutt of all future demands about the Successes Wreck or the new Fortifications and fighting Diaram and keeping the Villages by force, and have time to receive the Companys future orders for their Conduct. The true state of the Case is viz. The reason given in the Phirmaund why the King gave the 5 Villages was for supplying the Moguls camp in the Chingee War and assisting Zoudy Caun at Hughly and that the Villages were first granted in Aurengzebes time, whereas they were only granted by Zoudy Caun in Governour Pitts time being in his Jaggeir and could continue only while he had that Jaggeir (Nota bene it should be Doud Caun) this the Nabob has hit upon thô never mention'd in his publick Writings thô perhaps in Equity the King may have a right to revoke his grant, yet no Inferiour Authority has a right to Annul it, and therefore may be maintain'd by force against them. These Villages are in the Nabob Sied Hussenally Cauns Jaggeir granted him by the King for his own use, he is one of the principal Nabobs in the Empire, resides at Orin-gabad, his Government extends from Surat to Gulcondah inclusive and all the Moguls Dominions to the southward, his Brother Sied Abdulla Caun is Grand Vizier, these two are the most powerfull subjects in the Empire and of the Holy Cast and seem to form designs on the Empire the King being the last of the

Tamberlaine Cast and has no children they took a large step towards it lately viz^{t}. Shudamully Zool a Poligar having 30,000 horse refused to pay the accustomary Tribute, was worsted by the Kings forces Sied Abdulla Caun protected him and refused to deliver him to the King to be punisht the King and he took the field with Armys, the King had 50,000 horse and 150,000 Rashboots, the Sied had 40,000 horse as Vizier under him and 30,000 of the Polligars, it is reported the King is reconciled to him by the Queen Mothers mediation and a favourite Rajah. This shows should the two brothers gain their point the present Kings grants would not be valued without Hussenallys consent, being part of his possessions as is also Dieu Island and Surat besides have no Phirmaund only a Husbulhookum for Dieu, should the Rashboots divide the Empire as most likely, the English will not be interrupted in what they possess, Sied Abdulla Caun has sent frequent orders to Sadatulla Caun to take away the Villages, which he would have attempted but if he was baffled Sied Hussanally who don't like him would ruine him at Court.

23. Shall not give their Opinions on this but follow the orders sent them, and in the Interim assert the Companys rights.

24. Charges of the new Choultrys delivered in 3d November amounting to Pag^{s} 3,154 : 30 : 15. on which agreed to levy a tax of Pagodas 4,500 on the Inhabitants, 1,000 for the Secret present to the Nabob and the remainder for the incident charges in repairing the Hedge &c^{a}. Heads of the Casts order'd to attend and bring in a List of each Persons Land and stock not worth 100 Pag^{s}. but not to be over exact in the account this done in 14 days as per Consultation 20th November the Chittees to be excused offer'd to pay a 3d of the whole and would present the Company with 500 Pagodas which was accepted, the other Casts List comes to Pag^{s}. 300,000 in Lands and Stock their 3,000 Pagodas is just 1 per cent to prevent the Heads of the Casts abuses in collecting this have appointed the Companys Peons and Conicoplys to do it and threaten'd them in case of abuse the People in general pleased with it because the Poor are excluded suppose the Company will establish this method on all extraordinary occasions Copy of the Tax Roll shall be sent per Mary believe all the Persons assessed have in real value 2 millions pagodas in lands and stick considerable numbers excluded on pretence of not being worth 100 Pagodas thô really worth 2 or 300. This will guide the Company in directions towards the Inhabitants in future.

25. The Farmers of the Measuring Duty being found cheating the Sellers in quantity and forcing money from the poor took away their Cowl as per Consultation 20th October, and let it on the same terms to Poncata Kistna. In Consultation 17th November detected the Sea Gate Dubash of Roguery he is turn'd out fin'd 100 Pagodas to be imprison'd 3 months and stand thrice in the Pillory.

Fifthly touching Fortifications, Buildings, and Revenues.

26. Buildings of the Inner Fort compleated and are now in use except a little pavement for which want stone, the whole is handsom, Commodious, and substantial will want no repairs a long time.

27. Refer to the Papers in the Packet for an Answer to the Companys Letters relating to St. Davids. Have wrote to Vizagapatam and West Coast for an Account of their Revenues, will give the necessary orders thereupon as directed.

28. The 5 Villages thô let for 1,200 Pagodas a year have received but Pagodas 544 : 17 : 14. in full because of the Drought.

Sixthly touching Factors, Writers, Officers, Soldiers, & their Accompts.

29. Charles Mitchell saved in the Successes wreck, since dead of a flux and feavour.

30. Wanting good Writers those sent out being so raw have entertain'd Daniel Taudin Free Merchant at 5 Pag^{s}. a Month in the Secretarys Office, he prays to be admitted into Covenants.

31. Philip Noden of Metchlepatam dy'd there the 12th May, Intestate, Messrs. Harris and Sanderson took care of his Effects, shall transmit the Account by the ships. Humphrey Holcombe sent to reside there.

32. Mr. Horden being chosen Mayor, Mr. Legg made Chief Justice and Captain of the Militia.

33. Account Currant of John Morgans estate enter'd in Consultation 3d November no money remain'd to be paid into Cash.

34. Mr. Long on pretence of sickness has not drawn out a proper Catalogue of the Books as directed thô they gave him a fresh Order lately.

35. Mr. Frederick being some months under suspension at his desire returns with his family on the Derby, on which ship come with leave Messrs. Turner, Lapostre, Griffith, Kemeys, Houghton, and Bowridge.

SEVENTHLY TOUCHING ACCOMPTS.

36. Account of Richard Smiths and Dr. Wests Effects who dy'd at Vizagapatam sent, and also a statement of the old Merchants debts there which seem desperate as per Letter 12th November No. 111.

37. Have given 4th. Bills Exchange for the following Bills lost in the Successes Packet, 4th Bill for Pag^{s}. 6,000 to Sir G. Mathew, 4th Bill for Pag^{s}. 500 to Mrs. Fawkner, 4th Bill for Pagodas 10,000 to Edward Harrison Esq., 4th Bill for Pag^{s}. 10,000 to Edward Harrison Esq. and John Bedwell, 4th Bill for Pag^{s}. 2,000 to Mrs. Warre, &c^{a}., 4th Bill for Pag^{s}. 108 to Moses Barrow, 4th Bill for Pag^{s}. 696 : 16 : 28. to Edward Harrison Esq., 4th Bill for Pag^{s}. 2,755:—:39. to Messrs. Cavendish and Sandford Nevill, 4th Bill for Pag^{s}. 21 : 3 : 48. to John Freeman Esq.

38. Have also drawn the following Bills payable viz^{t}. since the Successes dispatch for Pag^{s}. 10,000 to Edward Harrison Esq., for Pag^{s}. 66 : 24 : to the Minister and Church Wardens of Boxford, for Pag^{s}. 131 : 4 : 2. to Mrs. Grace Benyon, Edward Harrison, and Thomas Pitt Esq^{r}., for Pag^{s}. 8,000 to Edward Harrison Esq., for Pag^{s}. 500 to Grace Orrill, for Pag^{s}. 1,000 to Richard Hodgson, for Pag^{s}. 1,000 to Messrs. George Lewis and Mrs. Ann Wigmore, for Pag^{s}. 17,000 to Messrs. Andrew and Henry Lapostre, for Pag^{s}. 651 : 13 : 53. to Grace Benyon, for Pag^{s}. 471 : 20 : 55. to Richard Bourchier, for Pag^{s}. 4,947 : 21 : 3. to Sir Thomas Frankland and Edward Harrison Esq^{r}., for Pag^{s}. 1,753: 7: 13. to Edward Harrison Esq.

39. Ballance of Thomas Woodvilles estate being Pag^{s}. 152 : 24 : 67. paid into Cash.

EIGHTHLY TOUCHING THE WEST COAST.

40. The Metchlepatam sent to the West Coast Mr. Thomas Cooke made Deputy Governor Mr. Farmer suspended, Mr. Morris dismist, both order'd up to Madrass to answer to the Charges against them. Refer to Copy of their Letter thither of 21th October No. 89 for Account of Affairs and what order'd thereupon.

SUPPLEMENT.

41. On the 15th Instant Auga Mogheem brought the Nabobs ratifications of the Peace in more than usual Pomp to the Garden house, the Perwanna and Serpaw for the President on an Elephant which had a chair of State and Canopy, another Elephant with the Nabobs Ensign preceding and 15 horse and 300 foot attending the Procession, the Nabobs Letter was in the words agreed on before, the Moor

Men were treated with fruits and 31 Guns fired, a great shower of rain falling at the time of the Presidents receiving the present of a horse and serpaw was reckon'd by the Moors a satisfactory Omen having had none in six weeks before.

42. Same afternoon Aga Mogheen and the Merchants receiv'd letters from Ducknaroy &c^{a}. advising that the King had seized a letter from Sied Hussenally Caun to his Brother Sied Abdulla Caun, wherein he writes he had engaged Acbars son in Persia to claim the Empire, on this Abdulla was seiz'd after killing 1,500 of his souldiers, is now in Irons or secretly destroy'd, and Sied Hussenally Caun had left Auringabad 5 days Journey with 15,000 horse and advanced to the midland Countrey but in great want of money. Ducknaroy orders Aga Mogheen to congratulate the Governor on this News, these 2 Brothers the chief opposers of the Grants in the Phirmaund to the English.

43. If these advices come confirmed will attempt getting Dieu Island if have an early ship from the Company and supply of souldiers doubt not to carry it. Wish for persons skilled to direct the first building the fort.

44. Derbys Invoice Pagodas 130,503 : 1 : 71, for St. Helena Pagodas 472 : 2 : 55.

45. Duplicate of Fort Books P. ending 30th April 1717, those of the next year will send per Mary. Register of Diamonds and Garnets amount to pagodas 8,275 : 15 : 33. and the Captains goods to Pag^{s}. 8,615 : 35 : 29.

46. Congratulate the Company on the present Peace which hope will be lasting with the Government and on enlarging the Investments, shall advise by the King George what Bales remain hope will be a good ships lading.

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